

## August PTO Meeting Notes 8-09-2021 @6:30 pm

Attendees: Kim Jensen, Michelle Klonecz, Annette Smith; Cecilia Dodge, Dr. Lela Olson

**Treasurer Report**—Annette Smith presented the budget. Annette would like to consider possible new ways to increase PTO income, such as sponsoring a dinner at one of the local restaurants in which MSA would receive the proceeds (suggested by parent Diane T.)

### Upcoming Events—

- August 25 PTO is hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic and Potluck from 4:30-6:30 pm followed immediately by the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Back-to-School Social from 6:30 to 8 pm @Highland Park Splash Pad. We discussed COVID precautions such as wearing masks inside the building and placing hand sanitizer dispensers for use before food service.
- August 26 MSA Open House from 3-7 pm. Cecelia suggested bingo-type cards will be handed out to families, which will involve visiting each booth. Completed cards will be entered into a raffle.

**Welcome Bags for New Staff**—Cecelia will verify but believes there are 20 new staff members. Previous welcome bags included Starbucks Gift Cards, snacks, post-its, hand sanitizer, lotion, gum, candy, etc. We will plan to have them ready for staff members by August 23 for the staff workshop. \$900 is budgeted for the welcome bags.

**Fall Cleanup Day**—two fall cleanup days were proposed. The first will be midweek on August 19 from 5-8 pm and will be headed up by Annette Smith. Cecelia will make a list of priorities with a focus on weeding. We will meet again on Saturday, August 28 from 9-12 pm to distribute mulch and possibly plant any perennial donations. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own gardening tools. Bottled water will be provided.

**Pizza Day**—discussion of this will be put on hold until the October PTO meeting.

**Spirit Wear**—Spirit Wear is currently being sold on two platforms: Amazon and Redbubble. All spirit wear will be moved to the Redbubble platform. It will still offer print-on-demand products which include t-shirts, stickers, mugs, bags, and other assorted paraphernalia.

**2021 MSA Design Contest**—We discussed sponsoring another MSA Design Contest for student artwork like we did Fall 2019. Michelle will contact Ms. Heydt-Nelson to see if she's on board to help students with their designs and help them meet the required specifications (PNG file, 4500 x 5400 pixels, 300dpi with transparent background). The artwork must be original and student's own work. 2019 design winners received a free t-shirt.

**Next PTO Meeting Dates**—typically the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. Next meeting will be in October. We will also meet January, March, and May.