

October PTO Meeting Notes 10-11-2021 @6:30 pm

PTO Attendees: Kim Jensen, Michelle Klonecz, Annette Smith; Cecilia Dodge, Amanda Stout

Parent Attendees: Diane Thiogs, Maxim D'Souza, Jennifer Yiangou

PTO VP/Volunteer Coordinator—Kim announced that Amanda Stout will officially step down from her position. Diane Thiogs was nominated and approved as the new VP/Volunteer Coordinator.

Treasurer Report—Annette Smith presented the budget. Parent contributions are down from year's past, leaving the PTO with a decreased budget. We discussed several budget line items that may or may not be implemented this year.

- **Mol Day** (October 23)—falls on a Saturday over MEA weekend. Amanda will check with Mrs. Cardenas to see if this is something she'd still like to do for her Chemistry students.
- **Lunch Pantry**—Amanda reports that usage has increased, and supplies are depleted. Typical offerings are ramen noodle packets or microwavable mac and cheese. Diane suggested a note may need to be sent home to let parents know that their children are making use of these donated lunch items. Please remind parents via announcements that there is NO hot lunch option at MSA, and students need to bring a lunch from home (lunch deliveries are prohibited). Consider adding more nutritious options such as granola bars or applesauce cups. Donations are encouraged!
- **Battle of the Books**—No expenses this year as there is no parent advisor currently.
- **9th Grade Orientation**—in past years, MSA hosted a BBQ as a 9th grade welcome
- **Grounds Cleanup**—completed earlier this year with parent volunteers
- **Pizza Day**—there was much to discuss to get this tradition back up and running. Because of complications from lunch schedules, Amanda strongly suggested that Pizza Day be moved from Fridays to Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesdays. In previous years, lunch monitors would collect the money from students. A small team of parents would count the money and sort into envelopes to pay for the orders. Pizza would then be ordered from Papa John's for delivery to buildings A and B. Three volunteers for each building plus 1 extra volunteer for Building C. We plan to resume Pizza Day after MEA, possibly November 3rd. Jennifer Yiangou, Diane Thiogs, and Annette Smith offered to help with this effort. More discussion and coordination is needed.
- **Spirit Wear**—Amanda suggested creating a poster to advertise for MSA spirit wear to hang in places like restrooms or the gym. The poster would have a scannable QR code linking it directly to our Redbubble site. Michelle will work on designing a poster and research how to add a scannable QR code.

Upcoming Events—

- **November 1st MSA Conference Dinner** from 4-5 pm for teachers and staff. This event has always been a potluck dinner provided by parents. Kim will put something out on Signup Genius (Diane offered to help us set up a system similar to her son's previous school). Plan for 50 people. Drop off by 3:30 pm. Main Dish options should include Gluten Free, Vegan, and Vegetarian. Also, salads, drinks, dinner rolls, cookies, bars, or other dessert options.
- **Strategic Plan Initiative**—Cecelia is looking for parent volunteers to form focus groups to weigh in on future plans for the school (3 to 5 years). It will provide a unique opportunity for parents to get involved in MSA's development as a school!
- **Lela's conferences update** (given By Cecilia Dodge): Everyone will have the opportunity to have a conference this year. They will be student led and 15 minutes in length.
- Kim will put a note in the announcements to advertise spirit wear 1 week per month leading up to Christmas.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

Next PTO Meeting Dates—typically the 2nd Monday of the month @6:30 pm. January 10 meeting will need to be rescheduled due to conflict with BOD meeting. January meeting will be held on January 24th. We will also meet in March and May.