

January PTO Meeting Notes 1-8-2024 @6:30 pm

PTO Attendees: Diane Thiels, Molly Darsow, Jennifer Yiangou, Michelle Klonec

Parents/Staff: Dr. Kate Hinton, Meg Flowers, Jana Tarlton, Kari Koerner, Greg Bettger

Director Update—Kate announced that her first “Coffee with the Director” is Tuesday (1/9) at 8 am. The Expansion Committee’s first meeting of the year is January 17. Winter Formal for the High School students will be Saturday, February 24. Prom this year will be on a Paddleford river boat!

Treasurer Report—Jennifer presented the budget. Current balance is \$11,936. Our funds are down slightly because pizza expenses have risen and Fire Slips for free pizza have started to impact profits.

PTO News

- **December Staff Appreciation Cards** (and personalized notes)—were well-received by teachers and staff. Thanks Diane and Molly!
- **Stadium Cushions**—Jennifer’s attempt to reach out to two vendors to possibly provide us with MSA branded stadium cushions was unsuccessful. Parent Greg Bettger suggested we make our own by purchasing knee pads and having them branded with the MSA logo.
- **Restaurant Nights**—PTO’s next fundraiser night will be at Chipotle (Currell Blvd.) on Wednesday, February 7th from 4 to 8 pm. PTO is still looking for a volunteer to coordinate Restaurant Nights going forward.
- **Volunteer NEED**—PTO is still looking for a PIZZA DAY COORDINATOR, someone who can manage pizza orders on a weekly basis (accounting for school happenings such as fieldtrips, testing, etc.). We are also looking for a RESTAURANT NIGHT COORDINATOR.

Upcoming Events

- **Winter All-School Event** (1/22)—Molly made lots of phone calls to check into facilities rental in both Woodbury and Cottage Grove on two upcoming non-school days. It was decided PTO will schedule the event on January 1/22 at the *M Health Fairview Sports Center*. PTO will reserve the fieldhouse from noon to 2 pm. An outdoor skating rink is also available for use. Kids can play soccer, bring frisbees, or even board games. Concessions are also available. Skate rental is \$6, but Molly will see if her Sports Center contact will cover the cost of skate rental for an additional flat fee. Molly said she would put together a flyer to advertise the event, specifying that adult supervision will only be from noon to 2 pm. She is also looking for at least four chaperones to help. Jennifer Yiangou and Greg Bettger have already volunteered!
- **MSA Open House** (1/23)—MSA will host an Open House for potential new families. PTO will have a table in the hallway or gymnasium in Building B. Diane and Jennifer have volunteered to host the PTO table.
- **Conference Meal** (2/22)—Two conference dates are coming up in February. It was decided that PTO will provide walking tacos for a staff meal on February 22. Request for volunteers to drop off food items at 4 pm; meal planned for 4:30 pm. Jennifer volunteered to create the signup Genius. Molly will send her the supply list for a walking taco dinner.
- **Pi Day** (3/14)—PTO will celebrate this fun MSA tradition on Thursday, March 14. Parents will be encouraged to drop off enough pies to enable the entire MSA community to celebrate with a slice of pie. Jennifer volunteered to create the signup Genius. We will request a donation of 85 pies with drop-off scheduled from 7:30-9:15 am. At least 1 volunteer per building will be needed to help collect pies on carts during pie drop-off. At least 4 volunteers per building will be needed to cut / serve pies from 10:30 to 1:30 pm. We discussed breaking the timeslots into 10:30-noon and noon-1:30. Silverware (forks/spoons) will be included as a donation item on the signup Genius and Diane will purchase boats for serving. Please note that gluten-free options will also be needed. Chocolate pies are typically the favorite!

Next PTO Meeting Dates—Next meeting dates are March 18 and May 6 @6:30 pm.