

MSA PTO Meeting Notes
10.21.24

1. Welcome to New Year & Introductions

2. PTO Report:

a. To date contributions / activities:

i. Pizza days going well so far
ii. 6th grade picnic: There was a gap in timing that caused a lack of food for a period of time. Discussion of how to fix this for next year? It was decided we will provide a place to set up, drop food ahead of time. This will be communicated to families so they know to bring food to the open house. The ice breaker went well.

iii. Wandering mug went well, teachers loved it

iv. Back to School Night went well, despite issue with a rainstorm. We need more "swag" & better prizes to amp up the activities next year. We will make a point to use up our current inventory as well.

v. Bagels on Professional Development Day were appreciated by staff.

Thank you to Caribou Coffee the coffee donation.

vi. Coffee with Director held 10/15, next coffee with Director 11/9

vii. Dr. Hinton will hand out travel mugs w/ MSA logo for Teacher Appreciation event Wednesday October 23rd

3. Budget Report:

Treasurer reported the budget is looking good and reviewed our objective to break even this year to carry forward a balance to next school year that will support the needs of the expanded school.

4. Winter Outdoor Excursions:

Overall agreement that we would like to offer this again, but would like to look in to minimizing risk of student injury and liability. Also suggested that we add a raffle or game with prizes. Molly will check availability of the field house and rink at the sports center.

5. Executive Director Report:

- a. 6th grade left on this date to go to Eagle Bluff Environment Learning Center
- b. Executive Director gave an update on the develops regarding the new building and plan to move next year
- c. School year off to good start. More uniform enforcement of cell phone policy has improved student behavior and social interactions.
- d. Homecoming 216 tickets sold, Fright Night Saturday 26th

6. Upcoming Events and Current Activities:

a. Pizza Day: Volunteer slots are full this week. Volunteer activity is up this year from previous year (so far).

- b. Mole Day: Leena volunteered and will ask a friend to join, possibly filling volunteer slots
- c. Basket raffle: \$470 in ticket sales so far. The raffle will be held 10/31. Next basket will be raffled mid January through mid February and will be "Date Night" theme. Molly will solicit restaurant and movie theater ticket donations.
- d. Nov 7th potluck for conference night: Jennifer made sign up and we will start promoting this this week. Diane will ask for help with set up from the Nat'l Honor Society
- e. Discussion of whether or not to pursue restaurant night fundraisers. Group agreed there are too many competing restaurants nights from other school groups. Will shift the budget from this to basket raffle sales.
- f. Jennifer will take care of getting bagels to the upcoming staff meeting in December

7. Other:

- a. A parent suggested we offer a mental health assembly for students, possible offering to donate funds.

Next Meeting November 18th at 6:30pm