

## July PTO Meeting Notes 7-25-2022 @6:30 pm

PTO Attendees: Kim Jensen, Michelle Klonecz, Emily Naumann, Diane Thiels, Randy Vetsch

Parents: Lindsey Hefty, Pauline Ho, Julie Dorschner, Jessica Kotfis, Brian & Jenn Bartle

**Treasurer Report**—Emily Naumann presented the budget. Current balance is \$4835.76

### PTO Fundraising

- **Family Donations**—Hoping to communicate the need for PTO donations (\$35/student or \$50/family) in order to fund special events for teachers, staff, and students. Randy noted that a PTO donation request has been added to the parent Back-to-School checklists
- **Restaurant Nights**—Restaurant fundraisers have been very popular (thanks Diane!). Our next scheduled Restaurant Night is 9-27-22 @Chipotle.
- **RaiseRight**—easy fundraiser; gift cards from hundreds of different vendors, all available for online purchase. This fundraiser is now established. Kim will begin promoting it soon.
- **Pizza Day**— Pizza Day has seriously bolstered the PTO budget! We are in desperate need, however, of a parent or group of parents to take on the role of coordinating this weekly event (ordering the pizzas from Dominos, organizing the volunteers, etc.) It's a great way to connect with other parents and interact with students. MSA kids LOVE Pizza Day! Please consider lending a hand with this important endeavor 😊
- **Applebee's Pancake Breakfast**—Pauline is willing to head up this fundraiser and will contact Applebee's to arrange a date, possibly October 8 or 15. Pauline needs 10 to 20 volunteers, such as teachers, NHS students, or any student interested in helping. If successful, it will be a great community-building event for MSA!

### Activities

- **Trivia Tuesdays**—We will continue with this fun lunchtime activity with coordination from lunchroom monitors. Parent and lunchroom monitor Julie D said the Jolly Rancher candy prizes were very popular with the students! Trivia prizes will need to be added as a line item to the PTO budget.

### Upcoming Events—

- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Potluck @Highland Hills Splash Pad 5-7 pm (August 30)**—PTO will host the families of incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders for a potluck dinner at the Splash Pad. An icebreaker game will be organized for the kids to get to know each other better. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.
- **Back-to-School Open House 3-7 pm (September 1)**—Student families will converge at MSA for Back-to-School Night. PTO has arranged for North Star Mini Donut Food Truck to sell their delicious donuts and frozen lemonade. PTO will receive 15% of the proceeds
- **Welcome Back Gifts for Staff**—PTO will prepare a little gift for all staff members. Diane is working on ordering aluminum water bottles plus extra to sell at Back-to-School Night
- **Staff Appreciation for September**—Diane will contact Kowalski's about a staff breakfast

### Other Items of Note

- **Battle of the Books**—consider reinstating this super fun activity. Teresa Ward was the main coordinator of this activity with lots of parent volunteer coaches.
- **Scholastic Book Fair**—Emily will look into the logistics of hosting a fair at MSA.
- **Lunch Pantry**—Parent Lindsey H. suggested soliciting parents via announcements several times a year to keep the pantry stocked with apple sauce pouches, granola bars, etc.

**Director Update**—Randy announced **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation** will take place on August 25 from 4-6 pm. PTO will make arrangements for some type of treat or snack

**Next PTO Meeting Dates**—Meetings are typically held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month @6:30 pm. Next meeting dates are October 3, January 9, February 27, and May 1