

MES PTA Board Membership Meeting

Matoaka Library, November 15, 2017

Attendees – Sarah Deaver, Adrienne Tripilo, Ally Younica, Rachel McCabe, Rana Graham-Montague, Andy Jacobs, Jennifer Pollard, Karen Talley, Patricia Reeher, Allison Howell, Kathryn Knoll, Andrea Turner, Amy Moser, Kristy Wall, Savannah Montano, Laura Howard, Beth Pell, Karen Quinlan, Becca Bruhl, Dawn Forgit, Suzanne Abrahams

Call to order – 7:05p.m. by Ally Younica

Andy Jacobs – Principals Report – Thanks to the kindergarten team for coming to give the presentation on literacy footprints. Also, everyone who has attended. Through everyone's donation we have been able to implement this program for K. Everyone has been a key role in making this happen. Everything is about to take off. First program leap for us. Teer for bringing Pinocchio for K-2. Position of having extra money...maybe plants, new banners...etc...school beatification. No more than 500 dollars yearly. Wants new planters, plants, flags, etc.

Katie Knuhl – Kindergarten team leader - giving summary of literacy footprints. Went to Matthew Whaley to see how well the program worked for them. The kit has come with 100s of books. Big financial investment. Spent the summer and fall in staff development learning about our new program organizing our materials, and familiarizing. Supplies = Letters, trays, charts and sheets, name puzzles tracing books and writing journals. "lots of smiles during reading time" We love our beautiful new guided reading books. Each set of books came with a lesson plan. Learning their letters, sounds, concept of words, high frequency words, beginning stages of reading. THANK YOU!!!! What is the excitement? We know we have books that are there. We know the books, very organized. Books are in sequential order. Kids are very interested in the books, colorful, etc. Current!! Kids that are stuck at a certain level there are so many more to pull from!

Amy Moser – went to Mass. For training. Got questions from the team then was able to ask in Mass. 2-day training. Brought back some knowledge to help the team. Biweekly meetings about the program.

Birds Eye View - Becca Bruhl - requesting a small paragraph to add to the newsletter. Combining Nov and Dec. – have everything sent in by Sunday the 26th

Presidents Report - Ally Younica – Tim Bakers home was damaged by fire. Central office John Andre taking donations for gift cards etc. Outdoor class room – need mulch – Thompson water seal or stain – in the spring. School of excellence. Application was submitted today. Survey went up. Something is going wrong with the email blasts from Sherry. 68 surveys returned. Did not get rejected. Healthy Lifestyles/wellness. From here we are working with SHIP. As far as what they have to offer. Moving to the next phase and a little more smooth sailing. Thank Karen Quinlan for Vets Day. Also, Thank You to Adrienne Tropilo! \$\$20,354 raised so far for walk-a-thon!!!!

Veterans Day Celebration - Karen Quinlan – Thank you to everyone who helped. Everything went smoothly.

VP of fundraising - Adrienne Tropilo – \$191 made from troops for treats. \$315.25 from papa murphys. Spirit night Nov. 30th at Moes. Box tops due again in Feb. CARNIVAL CHAIR! March 24th the tentative date. Renee will do food vendors again. Secure the date for our vendor – chapman. I can ask Stephanie about bubble soccer.

VP of programs - Rachel McCabe – WM football game working on. Membership drive ideas still brewing.

Treasurer - Jamie Ibrahim – will have some play money because we have made so much with Walk a thon. Proposals at the Jan meeting.

Secretary - Sarah Deaver – will send an email out to approve Aug. 30th minutes.

Committee Reports

Box Tops – Feb

Merchandise – not sure exactly how she is doing on sales

Spirit Nights – Doing well.... but dead until after Christmas

Shopping Programs – Farm Fresh key tags DO work. We are registered. Please use your key ring. Harris Teeter, Amazon Smiles, new program donates clothes and when the clothes sell the money comes to the school.

Walkathon – Did great!! **CONCERN** less than 358 kids participated!!!!!!!!!! Not acceptable. Try to work on better communication.

Membership – Adrienne made a little flyer to send home just to show what we do and where our money goes. 3.75 goes to state and national. Being in the spirit of it!!! We are at 385 members. Will be holding another membership drive.

Cultural Arts – n/a

Family Fun Nights – looking at doing dog street run and connect the school with it

Garden – Dana and Katie did great work. Awareness up a lot. Garden gave all the sweet potatoes for healthy lifestyles week.

Heathy Lifestyles – n/a

Helping Hands – Principal J. dressed up in a bee keepers suit

Hospitality – Conf. dinners. Sals going to be providing

Matoaka Dads – Big Thanks to Mike! And Adrienne and Jamie!

Reflections – 50 reflections entries

School Directory – working on it!!!!

Teacher Appreciation Week /Room Moms – Teachers got spotlight sheets in their boxes

Treats for Troops – \$191 made for treats for troops

Communication Reports –

- a. Birds eye View – Nov 26th
- b. Bulletin Board – great job with Bulletin board. Race track membership drive - winter
- c. Yearbook –

New Business – Some type of Moms event and beautification

Unfinished Business –

Next Meeting: January 17th Media Center

Adjourn – 8:32pm

