

Meeting: March PTO Monthly Meeting

Date: 3/2 7pm

PTO Board:

- € President - Caroline Quattrochi X
- € Vice President(s) - Koren Spadevecchia & Betsy Palazzo-Dudick
- € Secretary - Amy Haverty X
- € VP Communications - Meg Aferiat
- € VP Events - Caroline Habeck
- € VP Fundraising - Dana Noon X
- € VP Procedures and By Laws - Melanie Andrews
- € VP Treasurer - Sheri Sasso X
- € VP Membership - Allison Zimmerman
- € VP Green Team - Nathalie O'Keefe
- € Teacher Representation - Rachel Kammerer

Agenda:

President –

- Meeting minutes from last week approved
- Thank you everyone in the school - we are truly grateful. Others are trying, you all are doing it, doing it well and planning for the future. THANK YOU!
- Teacher Grant Program
 - Want to address the need to help teachers out when they spend a lot of their own money. We want to help subsidize that with a Teacher Grant Program.
- PTO helping with Innovation Lab
 - In initial phases to figure out where we can fit into the overall program
- Coffee for New Parents
 - Mid to Late April hosting a coffee with beach chairs in Griffin Park
 - Helping people connect and meet each other
- Book Vending Machine
 - Teachers can award students with special tokens that they can use to purchase books!
 - Non-recurring expense
 - PTO voted to support the vending machine

Mrs Alfone -

- Health Update - 2 classes on quarantine (8th grade) and 1 6th grade section
- Partner with visiting nurses association (District 13) - establish a relationship here to help get teachers a direct pipeline to vaccination. More than ½ of our staff will be vaccinated with a first dose by the end of the month.
- Spring Break - coming up
 - Please follow protocol for quarantining.
 - If you have a unique situation, please reach out to discuss
- LinkIt Parent Portal has opened.
 - Set up student account, this is different from RealTime

- Every student has taken 3 benchmark assessments (minus Pre-K and K)
- You now have access to those assessment results seeing the benchmarks across time.
- Please review this prior to the Q&A Wednesday 3/3 at 7pm
- Started the cleanout and Demo of the Media center
 - Books boxed!
 - Electrical being added - for eGaming, 3D Printers, Cricket Machines, podcasting booths, etc.
 - Target for completion 8/1 - students will be scheduled 4th grade on up starting next year
- Scheduling
 - Redoing the schedule for the various educational levels in the school
 - Middle school will be driver of schedule - most likely a 60 minute block schedule every day of the week
 - 6 block day for middle schooler - electives (arts) we are going to end up moving those to a rotating block schedule
- Evolution of Literacy Program - Growth!
 - Currently using Journeys textbook driven programming
 - Moving to readers and writers workshop session - already purchased
 - Classroom library for every grade level as well as below classroom library
 - Lower grades will keep foundations as well
- Trips
 - Camp Bernie scheduled for current 5th grade and 6th grade
 - For 8th grade, they are currently trying to plan a week of fun - Dave and Busters scheduled and looking at other activities near MB (No Boston)

Teacher Representative - Rachel

- No new business

Secretary -

- Check the PTO site for updated meeting minutes and information.

Treasurer -

- Thank you for Amazon Smile contributions! (Thank you Dana!)
- Payment for school play m.
- Budget available for anyone who would like to review. Please reach out to Sheri.
- We need to review at year end to determine what we can hold over 501(c) can't rollover a significant amount

Vice President(s)-

- Assemblies -
 - Kevin F
 - Trauma nurse, do reality check on traumatic brain injuries
 - Would alert parents in advance
 - Bailey Crochet
 - Idea to deliver a bike awareness workshop with kids
 - Possible \$500 to give 'good tickets' for MJs to get a piece of pizza or something along that line for good behavior

- Talking about safety and also about consequences of not being safe
 - Discussion around summons for if kids don't wear helmets (in discussion)
- Safety reminder pamphlet? To discuss to see what we can do to assist here.

Membership -

- No new business

Fundraising -

- PTO Run May 8th!
 - Safe yet fun! We are ready! Streamlining for safety.
 - Getting rid of non essentials. No pre and post event activities.
 - Awards - dropped off at home
 - Everyone gets a 3 section deluxe fanny pack with MB on it, T-shirts. The theme is Running for a Healthy Tomorrow.
 - Funding all done last year - we truly appreciate our sponsors!
 - Limiting the field to Monmouth Beach Students, Staff and Families.
 - Pre-packet pick up will change to in school distribution where the students bring them home.
 - One more BIG thank you to the Sponsors!
- End of the Year Springfest on last day of school
 - Griffin park - having fun while being safe

Events-

- Monmouth Beach Scavenger Hunt!
 - All students can participate - will be a lot of fun!
- In discussion to bring back Welcome to Summer Party!
 - Casual party held outside with safety measures in place (and contingent on where we stand at that time)
 - A lot of new families who haven't been able to meet, we hope this will be a great casual get together for new and existing parents

Procedures and Bylaws-

- No new business

Communications -

- Please continue to check our sites for updates!
- As long as it is not a for profit business or event, we can help promote it! Little leagues and any non-profits please reach out!

Green Team -

- No new business

Next Meeting - 4/6 at 7pm