

Monroe Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

5-1-16

Meeting brought to order at 6:36 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Kim Sinjem, President
Kim Blake, Vice President
Jessica Bennion, Treasurer
Marne Muhr, Secretary
Larissa Draves, Member-at-large

Staff Present:

Donna Riberich, Volunteer Services Coordinator
Amy Oliver, Principal

Parents Present:

Angela Vetsch, Sara Yee, Lisa Formo, Cheryl Snyder, Beth Lovie, Nhuloan Nguyen

Secretary Report:

Marne Muhr briefly reviewed the notes from the April PTO meeting; they were approved by Jes Bennion and Larissa Draves.

Principal Report:

Amy Oliver – We finished up MCA testing. Mrs. Gronhovd and Mrs. Theil are retiring this year. We have been approved for another Reading Corps grant and need 2 part time people for that.

Treasurer Report:

Jes Bennion – Budgeted (2016-2017) Special Request Fund – Project Lead the Way, Ipads need to be paid out. Music, Physical Education, Art, Media Center, ESL, Social Worker Supplies, Reading/Title, and Special Education are being removed so in the future they will need to come to PTO and ask for the money (\$2,000). MCA snacks are being removed from the budget as they are no longer needed. Snacks for room parties is going up because we have more students and because of the cost increase of items. Family night activities were added in the amount of \$1,000. The staff water cooler was approved to continue to pay for as it is the only place to access hot water. Angela Vetsch asked about the \$4,000 under classroom support and \$1,500 copier and supplies. The \$4,000 is for the rental of the copier in the workroom. The fiscal year ends at the end of June. The report was unanimously approved and then approved with changes discussed by Kim Blake and Sara Yee. NOTE *the budget has to stay under \$25,000 or we have to register the PTO with the State Attorney.

Volunteer Services Coordinator Report:

Donna Riberich –Jes Bennion will present the Monroe Scholarship at Champlin Park High School on May 16th. Volunteer appreciation - thank you for all your help in so many areas. Teacher/Staff appreciation week is May 2 – 6 each day something special is done for the teachers and staff. Wednesday, May 11th, is fun and fitness day with May 17th being the rain out day. Volunteers help at sign in desk in Room 109. High School students are helping with events. PTO provides a

fruit squeeze for each student. June 2nd is Kindergarten Fun-N-Fitness day. They also get a snack.
Field Trips – Chaperones have to be cleared with a full background check.

Old Business:

Meet new PTO Board Officers:
President – Angela Vetsch
Vice President – Sara Yee
Secretary – Marne Muhr
Treasurer – Lisa Formo
Member-at-large – Cheryl Snyder

New Business:

A parent had asked why we don't do DARE anymore in 5th grade. Mrs. Oliver said it took 1 hour/week and that was taking up too much classroom time. The police officer was telling a lot of stories. It doesn't meet our standards. Melissa Lager developed a curriculum that meets our standards and is being used instead.

Upcoming Events:

Fun and Field Day – Wednesday, May 11th (9:30 – 3:30)
5th Grade – not having graduation this year but a “picnic” on the last day of school.
Parents/Guardians arrive at 1 p.m. 1:30 p.m. -3 p.m. do games outside. 3 p.m. Certificates passed out in their homerooms. 3:30 p.m. last walk through the school.

Chairpersons for next year:

Read-A-Thon – Larissa Draves
Art Adventure – Cheryl Jorgenson
Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl – Kathy Neitzke
Yearbook – Lisa Formo and husband
Monroe Garden – The Durands and Larissa Draves
Gearzette – Larissa Draves
Teacher/ Staff Appreciation – Sara Yee, Cheryl Snyder (breakfast), Marne Muhr (help at home)
Fundraising – Beth
Subway – Kim Sinjem
Club's Choice – Kim Sinjem

Questions/Comments/Concerns – Nothing was mentioned.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Kim Sinjem and Kim Blake approved the meeting be adjourned

Next Meeting: September 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Contact us: monropto13@gmail.com

Research discussed in “What Principals Should know about Parent Involvement, “ by Joyce L. Epstein, principal research scientist at the Center for Research on Elementary and Middle Schools at Johns Hopkins University, shows that **children whose parents are involved in their school and education are more successful than children whose parents are not involved.**

Thank you for attending the PTO meeting!