

Monroe Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

9-12-16

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

Board Members Present:

Angela Vetsch, President
Sara Yee, Vice President
Lisa Formo, Treasurer
Marne Muhr, Secretary
Cheryl Snyder, Member-at-large

Staff Present:

Donna Riberich, Volunteer Services Coordinator
Amy Oliver, Principal
Scott Mattis, Assistant Principal
Kristin Contons

Parents Present:

Char Clear, Larissa Draves, Beth Lovre, John & Holly Eisel, Kimberly Carpenter, Sheila McConnell, Annie Anderson-Richter

Secretary Report:

Review of the minutes from the May meeting; they were approved by Larissa Draves & Sara Yee.

Principal Report:

Amy Oliver – There were some improvements made to the school building this summer including paint, carpets were refreshed, and outdoor cosmetics. New staff will come to the Oct. PTO meeting. A 5th section of 2nd grade was added right before school started. The enrollment is between 675 and 680. 8 – 10 sessions of the DARE program will be offered to 5th graders this year.

Treasurer Report:

Lisa Formo reviewed the budget with us. Some staff have already turned in their receipts for reimbursement.

Volunteer Services Coordinator Report:

Donna Riberich – Volunteers have been helping in the lunchroom with codes and in the workroom – we'd like to have someone in the workroom every day. There will be no Scholastic Book Fair in the fall but we will have one in Feb. instead. It will go along well with celebrity reader day. Nov. 8th there will be voting in the school building. Skill builders training is starting with training Oct. 4th (day) and 5th (evening). Only one training session is necessary. The Art Teacher, Amanda Schulz, needs egg cartons, yarn, plastic flowers, empty cereal boxes, paper towel tubes, and paper grocery bags. Please remember to sign in on the blue sheet in the office when you volunteer. If you do volunteer work at home, please let Donna know.

Old Business:

We had nothing to discuss.

New Business:

Fall Fundraiser – Monroe STEMpede Family Fun Run on October 15 – was discussed and more information will be going home soon. It's a great opportunity for corporate matching, be sure to check with your employer. **Art Adventure** – many volunteers are still needed. Angela Vetsch is a co-chair for Art Adventure. It takes place in January. 2 ½ hours of (free) training is provided at the MN Institute of Arts. **Conference Meals** – October 10, 13, and 18 – Cheryl Snyder and Lisa Formo are co-chairing. **New Fundraisers:** Amazon Smile – log on using smile.Amazon.com, pick Monroe Elementary PTO in Brooklyn Park as your school and .5% will be donated to the school, Tyson Chicken Labels – cut off the labels from the bags and send them into school, Schwan's Cares – more info coming. **Box Top Challenge** – October 10 – 14, Beth Lovre is in charge of this.

Upcoming Events:

Meet and Greet Game Night – September TBD

Subway ALL Day/Night - October 13

Movie Night – November TBD

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 3, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center

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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!