



Memorial PTO Meeting October 17, 2018

Attendees: Nesse McCabe, Kelly Scobbo, Missy Billsborough, Melissa Roeder, Rebecca Vanucci-St. George, Marcia Lynch, Katie Novak, Lynette Canton, Diana Frascella

- 1) Welcome & Introductions – President Kelly Scobbo

- 2) Important Upcoming Dates
 - a. Winter Carnival Kick Off Meeting – 10/23 @7:30pm
Committee members but will open it up to interested parties. Teachers dining room.
 - b. Townwide PTO – 10/24 @7:00pm. Rebecca will attend.
 - c. Halloween Parade and Parties – 10/31 @1:15pm
 - d. Literacy Night – 11/15 @6:00-7:30pm
Emily Callahan coordinates. Location is Dale St. School

- 3) Presidents Report
 - a. Spirit Day Gift
Teachers and specialists received gifts on Spirit Day, which were very well received by the staff.

b. Committee Updates

Most committees are all set with leads. Box Tops still needs help – they will reach out to General Help volunteers to see if anyone is interested. Parents can still use the online form to sign up to volunteer. Diana will monitor it once a month to see if there are new sign-ups. We should make more of an attempt to utilize the General pool. Michelle Taylor is reaching out to the other event representatives to schedule programming. Missy will complete the grant request forms for Nesse.

c. Ellen the Ocean Lady Visit

She is coming tomorrow and the 25th for the kindergartners. They will make fish prints.

d. Spirit Wear Online Shop – 11/1–11/19

Dale is running the shop as their Carnival contribution. Teachers can order and have delivered to the school. Free delivery to the school, small fee for home delivery. Everyone will receive orders in time for the holidays. A shop will re-open in the spring with potentially different merchandise.

e. Holiday Hospitality Date

Missy is working with Mara to determine a date for the holiday luncheon.

4) Treasurers Report

In and out income has been through the “thank you” funds. Some donations were received, and teachers are using these for classroom items. Room parent checks have been distributed.

5) MCPE Update

The Choose to be Nice program was provided with close to 5K in funding (paid for books and badges), but they did not receive funding for the shirts. We will investigate other options like Tri Valley for tee-shirts that share the same message but cost less than 8K. There is no copyright. The school would like shirts for 90 adults and 430 kids. We will know by next meeting how much money is left over from the teachers wish lists that could be used to fund shirts.

Approved Mrs. Scier's request – live plants and trees for each of the hallways.

6) Principals Report

a. Updated Wish Lists

PTO funded about \$5,400 last year for teacher requests. This year's requests total over \$8,900. Question on whether we can fund some of these requests using different buckets of funds. We will need to assign items to different categories to use those budgets. The small items would be easy for parents to buy (like per an Amazon wish list as some teachers create). Is there a way for the room parent to assist their teacher in creating a wish list for smaller items? Preference is that it is private so as to not make parents feel badly if they can't contribute. Missy will help weigh in on the need level. We will fund her "green light" requests immediately.

b. Parent Training Series

A group of teachers attended a training last year in order to provide the Positive Solutions for Families series for

Memorial parents. 23 parents enrolled, which was the capacity. There will be a scripted program, which hopefully will create open conversations to guide topics. If this session is successful, hopefully add more sessions will be added next year and at different times of day.

Next meeting - January 16, 2019 at 9:00am.

POSITION	CHAIR	CO-CHAIR	VOLUNTEERS
Winter Carnival	n/a	n/a	20
Read Across America	Katie Novak		4
Social Emotional Well Being	Jess Griffin		
Hospitality	Mara Zeigler		10
Spring Event	Christina Wolfstich		9
Library	n/a	n/a	35
General	Diana Frascella		35
Box Tops	Melissa Roeder		
Performing Arts	Michelle Taylor		
School Supply	OPEN		
Recess Boxes	Amy DeStefano		
Kindergarten T-Shirts	Melissa Roeder		