

Memorial PTO Meeting  
September 20, 2018

Attendees: Erin Pepin, Kelly Scobbo, Rebecca Vanucci-St. George, Nesse McCabe, Jess Harney, Meghan Fuller, Mara Ziegler, Amy Destephano, Missy Bilsborough

1) Welcome & Introductions – Kelly Scobbo, President

2) Important Upcoming Dates

a. PIN Night – Tonight 6pm

b. Room Parent Tea – 9/26 @ 9:30 am

Carrie Quinlin reported that there were still lots of openings for room parents. Will promote tonight at PIN. Email Kelly if interested as website is closed. Attendance at the Tea is not mandatory. Also can promote it on Facebook and ask Missy to tweet tomorrow, if necessary

c. Townwide PTO – 10/24 @7pm

3) Presidents Report

a. Committee Volunteers & Updates

i. Chairs and Co-chairs

Carnival: need help with sponsorship and “Medfield madness.” Nesse thinks they should be fine with getting help as lots of people have already signed up to help.

Hospitality: Mara is reaching out to potential co-chair

Library doesn’t need chairs. Mrs. Redding will be forwarded the lists.

ii. Open Needs

Performing arts – big need. Kelly will reach out to Michelle Taylor as she coordinated preschool music program last year. Star lab only needs to be done for kindergarten in the spring. Kelly will reach out to schedule. Last year there was also the Explore the ocean world, Veterans day event, Windows on Wildlife presentation. MCPE will be providing a grant as well. Last year Brian Chevalier came in to create a song with the students.

Co-chair for supply kits. This ran smoothly last year.

Chair for Recess boxes - Amy Destephano offered to chair. Missy will check with the teachers to see if they need more supplies (at the end of the year she thought they were in good shape).

Kindergarten shirts – Melissa Roder will chair

iii. New Committees

Spring Event Committee to plan a spring event, along the lines of Wheelock's ice cream social. Maybe a BBQ or other type of outdoor event?

Social Emotional Committee – Jess Griffin will chair.

Potentially have 1K (remainder after paying visiting author).

Can tie in to the "Choose to be Nice" and other school-wide incentives. Will work with Missy to brainstorm.

b. Spirit Day/Welcome Gift

Some teachers don't have Medfield gear. There are also 4 new teachers and it would be nice to give them a welcome gift. Shirts may be hard due to sizing. Lots of other options discussed. Nesse and Kelly will finalize. Dale Street will have shop selling supplies starting end of October.

4) Treasurers Report

New teachers to the district will receive double the start-up fund. If they taught elsewhere in Medfield, they will receive a startup but not double. Nesse is double-checking to make sure she doesn't miss anyone.

a. Thank you Fund Update

Will roll "thank you fund" money over to staff that replaced staff that have left Memorial. Everyone else has been notified of their funds. Wheelock is allowing teachers one month to reallocate their extra funds to another teacher. Lots of discussion on whether Memorial should try that as well. Decision to keep things as they are for now.

b. Winter Carnival

First meeting at the end of October, second will be in January. There will be a spirit wear sale before the holidays.

Teacher experiences will now be coordinated by each school's co-president. Memorial will handle website. Dale will handle spirit wear.

5) MCPE Update

Karyn Healy is the representative. No update at this time.

6) Principals Report

a. Teacher Funding Requests/Wish Lists

PTO had asked for wish lists last year, but it was tabled due to the impending override vote. Missy will ask staff to think about what they

could use. There is no target number - ask away. There is potentially 8K in our budget to spend.

b. Visiting Author (Social Emotional Well Being Tie In)  
Matthew de la Pena

Missy spoke of Memorial's Choose to be Nice initiative. This is an "across the building" message and works with social/emotional learning. A grant request has been submitted to MCPE to help pay for badges, literature and tee-shirts for students and staff. If MCPE does not fund the grant, the PTO may be able help support this initiative. We will know by beginning of October how much MCPE will cover.

Next meeting – October 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm