



Memorial PTO Meeting March 6, 2019

Attendees: Nesse McCabe, Missy Bilsborough, Kelly Scobbo, Rebecca Vanucci-St. George, Erin Pepin

1. Welcome & Introductions

Important Upcoming Dates

- a. Matthew de la Pena Visit – 3/7
- b. Winter Carnival – 3/9
- c. Johnny the K performance – 3/25
- d. Wheelock Ice Cream Social – 4/10
- e. Star Lab for Kindergarteners – 4/25
- f. Memorial Art Show – 5/9
- g. Townwide PTO Meeting – 5/23 – We will need to announce a kindergarten co-president at this meeting. We will be able to approve our budget at our school meeting prior.

2. Principals Report

“Bash the Trash” performance was very well received, and it tied in well with science curriculum. The only negative feedback was that the children were expected to sit still longer than expected – more movement would be preferred. The school would love to have them back in the future.

Read Across America was very successful – thank you.

Helping Hands volunteer request. The first grade teachers would like help creating teaching resources for their classroom. Missy will create a written request that we will submit to our volunteer pool.

Book carts are starting to arrive after huge delay (town hall). Very excited that they are arriving.

3. Presidents Report

Spring Event – proposed idea of a “Stay and Play” event. Parents would meet their children immediately after school and head outside for fun activities. Activities could include bouncy houses, snowcones, equipment from Mr. Grace to create games. Charge \$5 to cover expenses, parent volunteers, and high school students who need volunteer hours. Need to figure out student/parent assignments for those parents who cannot attend, and MAP logistics (ie can MAP kids transition to MAP after the event?). Potential date of Friday 5/31 with rain date Friday 6/7. Will need to reach out to volunteers to help.

- a. Recent Activity – we sent Valentine gifts to office staff, which were appreciated. Sent \$250 grocery store gift cards to Dawn Lavalley.
- b. Open Board Positions – kindergarten co-president
- c. First Grade Class Gift – should we have one, and if so, what to give as one? Last year’s gift was the Brian Chevalier music CD with all the students’ names on it. There is not a precedent to do a class gift. One gift idea was something from the Choose to Be Nice shop.
- d. Committee Updates
 - i. Recess Boxes
 - ii. Read Across America
 - iii. Hospitality – Mara to coordinate teachers’ appreciation and schedule dates

- iv. Box Tops – would still like to use income for lobby art work case. Need to encourage people to bring box tops in to art show.
- v. Performing Arts
- vi. Spring Event
- vii. Kindergarten tee-shirts – need them in time to have them for field day. Kelly will reach out to Melissa Roeder to check on status.

4. Treasurers Report

- a. 2019/2020 Memorial Budget

Higher expenses for the Carnival this year so there may be less revenue generated.

5. MCPE Update

No update