

November 7, 2023

PTA Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:48pm

Approval of October minutes: Ali moves to approve, Lissie seconds, minutes approved.

## **President's Report**

There are GoFundMe links for two teachers posted on Facebook. One is for Branden Willman, whose house recently caught fire. The other is for Mrs. Austin, who recently lost her husband. Both teachers have received lots of love and support. There are also several meal trains being posted including one for the Tandreau family whose son has been diagnosed with cancer and is in the middle of chemo treatments.

We need to update the PTA standing rules so that OTs and PTs, etc. have access to MAD money based on the time they work at Mountain. Lissie is working on updating them and hopes get them approved at the next meeting.

We need a parent volunteer to help with reading and math nights. We have teachers assigned to help, but we'd like them each to have a parent supporting them.

We will be collecting and posting teacher wishlists for the holidays.

## **Treasurer's Report**

So far the Halloween Carnival made \$8,686.33. The difference between the projected income and current income is about \$700. We can wait and see how future fund raisers go and how the book fair pans out before we decide how to adjust the budget.

The sixth grade rope's course has been moved to Spring. The bus expense was too high for us to cover it in the fall.

School store income should go up once we start selling the new inventory.

## **Principals Report**

Thanks for your support! The Halloween Carnival was great.

Mrs. Austin and Mr. B. are very grateful for the support from the community.

DASH goals need to be made to improve attendance. We are on a growth plan because our attendance rate was slightly below 95%. Megan and Becky are meeting with each individual grade level to try to identify their needs and to make them aware of the dash goals. There are also a lot of absences in pre-k and k and a lot of absences in sixth grade. For the littles hygiene issues are being addressed. For the sixth graders there is a civic responsibility program happening that we're hoping will help.

The state tests from grades 3-6 looked great. All well above 80% proficiency.

The district has asked staff to come up with 100% goals - goals that 100% of students can meet. Some of these will be academic and some will be social/emotional. The deadline for these goals is coming up soon.

Staff is working on MLS with a behavior support team. They're working on a school wide system so that there are universal methods with common language. This plan is also due this month. They need to show what they're doing with accommodations to help students learn.

Safety and Schools plan is due December 5. It has been done in the past and can easily be tweaked.

The Veteran's Day concert is coming up.

There is a meeting coming up on December 1st to try to help Mountain become more inclusive and culturally accepting.

## **Book Fair**

We had around \$9,000 in sales. We need to decide how much cash and how many scholastic dollars we want. We have done half and half in the past, but that seems like too much. We know that Megan wants to use some scholastic dollars for multi-cultural boxes, but we don't know where to find them. Since Megan can't be here today, we will reach out to her before we make a decision.

## **Carnival Report**

Overall the carnival went very well. We should still have money coming in from food vendors. Spreading things out and having lines for cash and card really helped with crowd control.

## **Membership Report** - 20 Members

## **Grant Requests**

No grants were submitted this month, but that was partly because of a miscommunication. The Occupational Therapists didn't think they were allowed to write a grant. Anyone can write a grant as long as it is for something that will stay at Mountain and be for Mountain students. Lissie would like to present the tentative grant for approval so that as soon as it's submitted we can approve it.

The grant will be for pencil grips, noise canceling headphones, hand dominance tattoos, chair bands, etc. to be put in classrooms for individual student use. The whole thing comes to about \$275. Grant approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:24pm.

## **Attendance**

Stephanie Haaser, Becky Littleton, Chelsie Wilson, Alina Hansell, Michelle Čertík, Lissie Ham