

Maple Ridge Parent/Teacher Organization
Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Officers attending: Heather Drake, Jennifer Stewart, Leah Grobey, Lindsey Lawrence,

Absent: Jennifer Barton

General Attendance: 18 adults

Heather opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTION:

- **All attendees and what goals/hopes they have for PTO involvement which included:**
 - More volunteers amongst parents and teachers
 - Unique and fun family events
 - Increased participation at events
 - Opportunity for new students to connect
 - Craft/game night

GUEST SPEAKER: Heather Upton

- Provided information about local buying/selling trends
- Answered Q&A about local trends, what you can do to sell your house
- Discussed opportunities for her to help reach out to community about PTO events at MRE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (HEATHER DRAKE)

- **Calendar of Events** –PTO Meetings are less frequent, reviewed all events, highlighting upcoming Concert, Skating party and Book Fair. Changing Mornings with Moms to May, closer to Mothers Day
- **Bylaws** – Current
- **Teacher requests** –Voted and seconded (Angela Myers, Lee Jones)
 - Westman: microphones
 - Paulsen \$209.70 for scholastic
 - 1st Grade: Composition notebooks \$179.76
 - Book Fair Money: \$200 scholastic to each teacher to spend at first book fair
- **New Requests:**
 - Bollman: \$175 in scholastic: voted and agreed upon (Angela Myers, Lee Jones)
 - Wright: asking for seat sacks, asking for more information and if the rest of K will need them.
 - \$600 for robotics club from John Lord

- **Teacher Meals** –PTO provides 5 meals for teacher. Discussed possible chili contest where parents will participate. Looking at donations for other meals, in past used Chipotle and Chic-fil-A.

VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT (JENNIFER STEWART)

- **Website Analytics** – 2017-2018
 - 214 different users accessed website
 - 4000 different page views
 - Average time on site: 2.5 minutes
- **School newsletter goes out bi-weekly now**
- **Spirit Wear**
 - Orders are online this year
 - Closes Sept. 2 in order to have items by Homecoming
 - 2nd Closing date to be determined still

SECRETARY’S REPORT (Lindsey Lawrence)

- **Last Meeting Minutes** – Approved by Angela Myers and Lee Jones
Volunteers: Discussed need for more volunteers, need for Volunteer Coordinator. Parents stated that they’re not always aware of volunteer opportunities.

Upcoming events:

- Book Fair 10/1-10/4
- Grandparents night 10/2

TREASURER’S REPORT (LEAH GROBEY)

- **Financial Report**
 - Ending Balance as of August 31st - \$33,913.54
- We continue to look for local sponsors for things like teacher meals.
- Needlers agreed to provide cake for Seussville, donuts for Dad/Mom breakfasts, chicken for a teacher meal
- For a detailed copy of the Treasurer’s Report, contact Leah Grobey.

GOODWILL COORDINATORS’ REPORT (JENNIFER BARTON, absent, Heather Drake spoke on her behalf)

- **Box Tops**
 - Each box top is worth 10 cents.
 - Going to utilize parent volunteers
 - Each teacher will have an envelope where they collect box tops and give it to parent volunteer to cut/count and give back to Jennifer.

Lifetime earning: \$20, 117.09

2017-2018: \$1095.40

2016-2017: \$960.40

2015-2016: 1422.00

- **Scholastic/Birthday Books** \$21, 926.95

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS REPORT (LINDSEY LAWRENCE)

- **Volunteers**
 - Continue to get a high response of parents that filled out papers at Open House and papers that went out after
 - Looking to fill Volunteer Coordinator position

DONATIONS COORDINATOR (Looking to fill)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (John Lord)

- ISTEP has changed to IREAD, in April
- Fundraiser has started
- Added two new units: 3rd and 4th grade.
- New Kindergarten Teacher to replace Mrs. Snyder

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting of the PTO will be on Nov. 7, 2018, 6:30Pm