

Minutes MES PTA Meeting

November 9, 2011

Meeting called to order by Erin Otis at 6:37PM

President's Report: Erin introduced Dr. Dianna Lindsey, our new assistant Superintendent. Healthy Lifestyles week was going on, and was wildly successful. Veteran's Day reception will be on Friday with lunch. A paper Christmas tree with teacher's names and needed supplies will be displayed inside the school. Jen Smith will be offering parenting classes beginning in January. The PTA is purchasing guided readers for our kindergarteners at \$3456.00. A motion was made for the minutes from October to be adopted, and this was seconded.

Vice President's Report on Programs: Leanne Conrad announced that the Veteran's Day Reception on Friday could still use some baked goods. The Reflections program had a big increase in participation this year (from 6 last year to 40-50 this year!) so good job Fran Metzger! The first breakfast of Matoaka Dads had 400 attend, and our mystery reader program also began! The VA Opera came in before Halloween as a part of our cultural arts program. As an incentive to boost membership, the grade with the highest PTA membership will get a program by Zoo Pros, and the class with the most membership will get \$50 for school supplies.

Vice President's Report on Fundraisers: Christian Dunn reported that school merchandise will be available before the holidays. A spirit night at Chic Fil A will be December 14 from 5-8. Our grocery program is doing very well. Martin's is available now (along with Harris Teeter, Farm Fresh, and Blooms), so be sure to sign up and these stores will donate funds to our school. Walk-a-ton will have a theme this year. Harvest Festival was very successful! Great job to everyone involved with this grand event! Our fundraising goal is to do fewer fundraising events, but to make them more successful. Please ask Christian about soliciting help and donations from businesses. We don't want to over-task any one business.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Quinlan reported on our budget.

Principals Report: Andy Jacobs introduced Dr. Dianna Lindsay. He thanked the PTA for cookies for the bus drivers, for helping out on picture day, and for the two trees donated by the garden club and planted behind the school. Pictures of the Halloween fun at MES were passed around for all to enjoy! There is a fun run this weekend, and clubs are in full swing with lots of participation.

Reflections Report: Winners will be announced on December 11.

Healthy Lifestyles: Michelle Alexander reported that Chef Chris Long made great sweet potato soup for our kids today. Tomorrow sweet potatoes will come from the farm. December will feature broccoli. First healthy lifestyles awards will go to Barb Buckin, Jen Smith, Penny Smith, our First Grade team for their recess time policy, and to parent Amanda Gayna for making muffins instead of cupcakes for her child's birthday. Help is still needed for Saturday. A box is in the main office for healthy recipes, which will be available for sale at the walk-a-thon.

Spirit Nights: Nicole Galindo reported that Chic Fil A night will be December 14. On Thurs., Feb 9 we will have a spirit night with Moe's. Our Barnes and Noble Day will run from 11-9 the Thursday after Spring Break.

Harvest Festival: This event went very well! The weather was great, and there was great participation and huge attendance. The petting zoo, games, crafts, inflatables, helicopter, and coffee cart were all very popular. The ticket pricing was better with new signs, and the balloon grab was a huge success. Our income was \$8,347.00 from this event, which was \$2000 more than last year! Let the committee know if you have any suggestions or if you are interested in co-chairing for next year.

Box Tops: Debbie Wright announced that 21,000 box tops were already submitted for the first income from this program which has now brought in \$2,200!

Family Fun Nights: Kim Lish announced that William and Mary Night will be January 7. The 5th grade chorus will sing, and there will be an autograph session with the athletes. Tasha offered to get green and gold spirit beads to

hand out to students. Kim had the idea of tie dying t-shirts as an activity the college students could do with MES students.

Room Mom Coordinator: Jennifer Miller reported that she can get help from room moms if anyone needs that support. A holiday wish list will be available through her or the room mom.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Dianna Lindsay: (introduced by Erin Otis) She and her husband have been long time principals in CT, OH, and MA. She is fascinated with Eleanor Roosevelt and is a big time Red Sox fan. She spent today subbing for the principal at Toano Middle School. She mentioned a Youtube video on “Productivity” by Microsoft. She is working on the WJCC Strategic Plan and encourages us all to participate, to think about our dreams for our children, and to help to create the thinkers and dreamers (not just test takers) of a future generation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.