

Moorlands Elementary PTA - General Meeting - November 14, 2023

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General Meeting held both in person at the Moorlands Elementary Library and over Zoom.

Meeting ID: 838 7867 3749

In attendance: Angela Soine, Molly Wiecks, Melissa Pope, Liz Dawson, Veronica Webb, Emily Whitten, Nicole Dibble, Lindsay Frykman, Lisa Louth, Carly Hansen, Greg Thompson, Jen Schroeder, Quinn Wyatt, Natalie Rendon, Nahal Li, Melanie Pederson

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Angela Soine.

Art and the PTA Speaker - Nicole Dibble

- Visual Arts Educator, Education Coordinator @ The Schack Art Center
- Link Available to presentation with information on the benefits of visual arts in education
- If interested, utilize the QR code in the presentation to sign the Statement of Support
- Nicole has provided a resolution to the PTA for a future meeting to examine/possibly endorse as an organization
- Identified that other school districts have created Art Teacher positions through natural attrition of existing teachers and then rebalancing remaining staff.
- Presentation is attached

Approval of Minutes: PTA September General Meeting Minutes - Angela read through the September meeting minutes. There were no corrections, so minutes are approved as read.

Treasurer Report - Lisa Louth

November Treasurer's Report

-Committee Reports-

Membership - Veronica Webb

- 294 members - doing great!

Events - Liz Dawson

- Fall Festival
 - well attended, may move back one week to 3rd Saturday in October for next year to boost attendance
 - Rethink food options for next year?
 - Move time up next year?
- Make-It Take-It Fair
 - 15 crafts fully sourced at this point
 - Need to reach out to folks who originally signed up to help Anne
 - Will need ~60 volunteers for the event (30 for each shift)
 - No hot chocolate this year - but will have coffee for adults

- Photo printer will be new this year as part of photo booth

Volunteers - Quinn Wyatt

- Make-It Take-It Fair
 - 15 of 30 for 1st shift
 - 4 of 30 for 2nd shift
 - Perhaps offer incentive? Free coffee? Craft Tickets?
 - What is blocking volunteering? Maybe folks don't know what's expected of them? Make a video? Q&A?
 - Can we find someone to help create a reel/video?
 - "Over the course of the year, this is what we do"
 - "Have you done YOUR hour yet?"
 - Nahal sending photos/videos from last year to Molly
 - Post to: Facebook (Pinned Post or as an Event), Newsletter, Janice (teachers), Emily (Mustang Memo)

Fundraising - Emily Ondersma & Carly Hansen

- 11/17-1/15, Ice Rink - family needs to mention that they're with Moorlands to get credit (\$3/paid admission)
- 12/3-7, 20% of purchase from Snapdoodle Toys - must mention Moorlands at purchase

Advocacy - Becca Chen

- No report at this time

Communications - Natalie Rendon

- No new subscribers in the last 60 days
- 673 subscribers currently, ~400 opening it on a regular basis
- 2021 was last import of emails from member planet
 - We should be pulling data on a regular basis
 - Quinn to look at export options

Eprep - Nahal Li

- Badges for all of the kids in the school, except for those getting their school pictures retaken
- Nahal & Heidi were able to go to Eprep off-site walk-through
 - For natural disaster, kids would stay on-site
 - Fire, active shooter, kids would be taken off-site (Eastside church)

WATCH DOGS - Greg Thompson

- Pizza night
 - Light attendance
- 18 signed up
- Next event is 1/12 - Dads and Doughnuts
 - Link to sign up is on the PTA website
 - [HTTPS://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F44ABAA2AA1F94-44360246-watch#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F44ABAA2AA1F94-44360246-watch#/)

Principal's Report - Emily Whitten

- Trying to do more family events, after getting good feedback from families about being involved
- Parent Education idea of self-advocacy
- 12/14 Superintendent Tolley is coming to work on Strategic Action

- Have noticed that some parents that aren't part of the PTA that are wanting to be involved, so starting a Parent Advisory Team (with Mrs. Whitten)
- There is a Student Advisory Team also starting (with Mrs. Joseph)
- Budget situation is pretty dire and we've been asked to keep the budget in mind with decisions
- Family Information night with Amity Butler is coming with more information on HICAP/EAP classrooms, perhaps in February (meeting with staff in January)
- Report is attached

New Business:

- AMIRA Grant - program for helping struggling readers ~\$2240 for 25 students
 - Students read aloud texts and AMIRA monitors (AI tool)
 - Can be used during teacher's "Success Blocks" and/or before school
 - Can re-evaluate every 6-8 weeks, to "graduate" students from AMIRA and move other students into the program
 - Melissa Pope motions to approve the grant
 - Carly Hansen seconded the motion
 - Discussion
 - Program is only for one year at a time - is it a calendar year?
 - If they want to submit another request that's under \$1K, it can be voted on by the board
 - Motion does not pass
- Quinn motioned to hear the other motion before voting for approval
- Lindsay Frykman seconded the motion
- Library Bookshelf Dividers - Jen Schroeder - \$1100
 - Melissa Pope motions to approve library dividers
 - Veronica Webb seconded the motion
 - Discussion
 - Priority would be Primary Fiction/Non-Fiction (\$325 + \$135)
 - 2nd Priority would be regular Fiction/Non-Fiction
 - Motion passes
- Northshore Council PTSA is looking for a Special Ed Rep
 - Melissa Pope to get more information from Molly and can work with Emily

Meeting called to an end at 9:01pm by Angela Soine.

Minutes recorded by Melissa Pope on November 14, 2023.

Please join us for our next General Meeting on January 9 at 7:00 pm!