**MPTO Meeting Agenda**

**Monday, October 7, 2019**

**1.** **Welcome and Presidents’ Report**

No candy was present 😊 -welcome and Jill expressed happy vibes to have large number of people present, glad you’re here!

**a.   New board members/vote on them**

Two new volunteers, Jenna will join spirit night coordinator with Valeryie - Jenna will shadow to learn position.  Natalie Lester has joined Julie on “Family Nights” Team – which includes Bingo, Glow Dance.  . Motion to vote – approved.

**b.   Open positions still on Yearbook Committee**
President expressed the ongoing need for help with yearbook - Need helpers – specifically second half of year where bulk of work is present.  Any help is appreciated.  People who have pictures at events were reminded to send them to pix4mes@gmail.com  President reminded attendees to send the pictures as “actual size” with email subject line categorizing the event. Ex. “Ms. Lutz field trip”.  President expressed the biggest challenge to yearbook is getting enough pictures.

Jen Forest – clerical chair (absent) – President in place reminded attendees to convey to teacher to have them place laminating jobs in the blue bin because of sensitive and breakable laminator.  Ten rolls of laminating film have already been used this school year.  By placing items in the blue bin in will help to decrease waste of laminating film.  President communicated that room moms can meet with Jen (via email to set up time) to learn laminator and copier – this may also help decrease waste.

c.     **Boosterthon!**  10/24, Pledging begins on 10/8, Kickoff Assembly on 10/15, Focus: Cafeteria!  Good Cup Coffee will offer free cold brew and will sell coffee as well, water helpers/huddles helpers needed! Register on [www.funrun.com](http://www.funrun.com/)!

Explanation of boosterthon by President.  President conveyed all students will get t-shirts. Students will run an expected 30-35 laps each.  Boosterthon helps many things throughout school, events, etc.  President reminded attendees to ask friends and family to either pledge per lap or flat donation.  The more pledges acquired equals more money for our school and classrooms.  Students need to register at www.funrun.com to start to acquire pledges and donations.  Students will receive Boosterthon booklet on October 15 to bring home.  Boosterthon huddles will take place soon, prizes will be given as pledges come in.  Water helpers are needed - signup genius will go out this weekend in jacket journal for water helpers.  10-15 water helpers needed per run.  Monies collected this year will go to café improvements.  Phase 1 – paint quotes for interior walls, working with Ms. Green for muralists (may be able to get through grant) Presidents also met with Mr. Gilland, and wife Joyce, works with company Condor Flags – which produces screen like window decals for windows.  President expressed specifics in regards to these window coverings – security purposes, lasts for seven or so years, can contain pictures of students.  Phase 2 may potentially address the current AC noise issue.  AC unit may be one of the last pieces – although new café tables are important as well (tables very pricy and come through CMS) Bottom Line   - the more money we bring in with Boosterthon the more we can address in the Café.

**2.** **Treasurer Report:**

1. Update and report

Budget sheets passed out and explained.  10 k brought in, spent 21 k PTO has spent lots of reserve monies thus far – treasurer explained that this is not uncommon this time of year.  Treasure conveyed PTO membership numbers really close to last year.  Corporate contributions low but will fill in as year progresses. VIC card membership - roughly 100 people less connecting MES to their VIC card than last year – Treasurer reminded attendees to ask friends and family to link their VIC Cards to MES (as well as signing up for  Shoparoo, Amazon Smile) Reminded quorum that some companies match donations for boosterthon.  Projected profit from Boosterthon is 32.5k.  MES PTO cash balance still positive….

Question was raised by attendee about how a business can get on Boosterthon t-shirts – is it too late? Treasurer and President responded yes too late to get on Boosterthon t-shirt.  There are other opportunities for businesses to help and sponsor throughout the year – examples given were glow dance, Stingerfest, Landscaping day (Lowes) option.  Cost to be on Boosterthon t-shirts were $500, $250, $100 – work started over the summer and first weeks of school for Boosterthon sponsor collection.  Lastly, yearbook orders will be electronic, yearbook contract signed and sent in.  More info regarding Yearbook will come next month.
2. **Approval –**Budget voted on and approved

 **Secretary Report/vote on September minutes –**September meeting minutes voted on and approved.

1. **First VP/Volunteer Coordinator-**

a. Teacher Off Campus Lunch Coverage will take place the week of 10/21 – sign up genius will be coming out soon – President explained to quorum how lunch coverage process worked

b. Room Parent Coordinators- Room Parent Coordinator Megan updated quorum that all teachers now have room parents.  Room Parent meeting will be held tonight after PTO meeting.

5.      **Second VP/ Kindergarten Liaison**- Cara Hunter – no news….

1. Box Tops- Ms. Newlin’s class was the first contest winner! Money was earned for both paper sheets collected as well as through the app.  New contest underway. – Box Top Coordinator not present, President explained Ms. Newlin’s class got ice cream treat and Ms. Newlin also received an Amazon gift card.  We are still collecting paper sheets but are encouraging Box Top app.  MES PTO has gotten money both ways…. New box top collection going on until Oct 25.
2. Yearbook- attendees were reminded again to send pictures to pix4mes@gmail.com.  The more pictures the better – if around MES during Class Party days – the idea of talking photos in other classrooms that may not have had pictures taken was conveyed.
3. Landscape Day- November 2nd 10am-12pm Kelly -Lowes may help by donating mulch flowers, pine straw.  Donuts and coffee will be provided.

6.      **Third VP/Stinger Reading Bee and Blue/Gold**- Summer Reading Bee Party took place on 9/13.  It was a great event!  155 kids got books and popsicles.  Great pictures were taken by Co-President Sarah Peters.  Thanks!

1. Spirit Nights-
Local scoop went well – some teachers and staff members came out to help scoop.  Chic Fil A (Independence Blvd. location) Spirit night is tomorrow night.  Velo Pops and Grace O’Malleys upcoming.
2. Staff Hospitality- Tuesday Treats – Shannon noted a great turnout of treats – healthy and savory stuff went quickly.  Fourth grade is next for Tuesday Treats and Tuesday Treats will not happen for the month of December.

**7.** **Teacher Report**

Teachers present expressed their appreciation for all MES PTO and they are excited for Boosterthon.  Specific grade run times were conveyed as well as this year’s Western theme.

**8.** **Principal Report**

Blanchard – expressed excitement for the Boosterthon focus area – better environment in café.  Reminded quorum that report card conference will be coming up soon and encouraged parents to respond to teachers to set up conferences.  Explained to quorum to get with specific teachers regarding how they will enter building if conference is later than the front office working hours.  Expressed gratitude for duty free lunches for staff - MES is only school to do this.  October is stressful month for teachers – thanked meeting attendees for all they do to help.

PSA – Blanchard asked parents to share with neighbors/friends – encourage concerns and problems to come to MES staff, grade level administrators, counselors, etc. FIRST rather than others; including media outlets.  Blanchard played news clip from WBTV regarding MES and the two students who left campus.  Blanchard reiterated that faculty cannot share information re specific students and violates CMS policy and no good would come from Ie..…..specific student info, disciplinary actions taken, etc. and cannot be shared and violates privacy and no good coming from it…Reminded again to come to MES staff first because not doing so, may in turn hurt the child and families involved.

Meeting adjourned….

**9.** **Next Meeting: Monday, November 4th at 7pm**