**MPTO Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, April 1, 2019**

**7-8pm**

1. Welcome and Presidents’ Report
   1. Please fill out the form r/t your current board position or to show interest for next year
   2. Glow Dance – went really well, sold over 400 tickets, had a lot of teacher involvement
   3. Staff Appreciation went well, had treats for teachers each day (snacks, coffee, re-stock supplies, flowers), lunch was catered by Jekyll and Hyde on Wed.
   4. 4th grade (Raleigh) and 5th grade (Williamsburg) trips went well, supported by PTO
   5. McDowell street update – Alicia and a group of moms met with the police chief in Matthews to try to encourage a collaborative approach; he was very willing to listen, met with us twice and is working on ideas to help, including a possible change in signage; he asked that everyone just encourage their friends and neighbors to follow the rules; he also noted that he is submitting a budget request to add more officers, specifically to help with traffic control around town (not just specific to MES) - Matthews has not added any new officers in 13 years – if you support this request, please let your commissioners know
2. Treasurer Report – *Results reflect activity from March 1, 2019 – March 31, 2019*
   1. Revenues
      1. School Store - $1,044 in sales for the month from the school store. No expenses during the month.
      2. Corporate Contributions - $310 for the month brought in during March and offset by $53 worth of Box Top coupons.
      3. School Glow Dance – net surplus of $1,415 for the dance after all expenses and rental paid.
      4. Stingerfest – Net surplus of $476 during the month via $1,100 is Sponsorship donations that were offset by $624 of expenses paid for.
      5. Yearbook - made 75% down payment of $6,103 during the month. No sales yet.
   2. Expenses
      1. Book Nook – Spent $916 on 3 separate purchases for the month.
      2. Staff Appreciation - $2,889 spent on the Teacher Appreciation for breakfast, lunch, flowers, etc.
      3. 5th Grade - $165 spent on supplies related to snacks for trips

1. Secretary Report – minutes from March meeting approved
2. First VP/Volunteer Coordinator
   1. Clerical – no updates
3. Second VP/Kindergarten
   1. Yearbook – is done, final cover to be submitted in next 24 hrs, next year need more pictures, will do yearbook sales after spring break (May)
   2. Beginners Morning and Night –April 4 is evening session, April 24 is morning session –parents only event, no students, still need a few volunteers to do tours
4. Third VP/ Stinger Summer Reading Challenge/Blue & Gold
   1. Spirit Nights – 4/8 is Chipotle; McAlister’s May 7 at Sycamore Commons; MOD pizza is June 3; Local Scoop is still TBD
   2. Tuesday Treats – 1st grade is tomorrow, need at least one helper tomorrow if you are available
   3. Stingerfest – April 26 from 5pm-8pm; wristbands and raffle tickets are already on sale on pay4school.com, will have some for sale the day of at a higher price; we have a lot of volunteers from Butler, will need PTO do wristbands – stay tuned for Signup Genius; need 10 teachers to volunteer for teacher event; will have baskets to raffle
5. Teacher Report – thank you for teacher appreciation week – especially liked the coffee! “We felt very loved.”
6. Principal Report – thanks for the advocacy for McDowell street – Ms. Blanchard met with the Chief of police last week to assess the situation, he is currently assessing if they can make McDowell a “no turn” zone between certain hours; Ms. Blanchard also attended a Matthews Mobility task force meeting to address traffic around the school – commissioner observed to her that they hear from non-MES families about traffic complaints caused by MES, but not from MES families about their concerns/observations; that they are considering options for managing backup on Trade r/t afternoon car line –stay tuned for possible ideas to manage that situation; please encourage everyone to get their kids to school and finish the end of the year well – testing windows start soon; Ms. Hickey is back.
7. Next Meeting- Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7pm.