**MPTO Meeting Agenda**

**Monday, October 2, 2017**

**7 - 8pm**

1. Welcome & Presidents’ Report
   1. MPTO membership/t-shirts – over 100 families, board members required to join MPTO, T-shirts still available
   2. Open MPTO board positions – Trudy Daly returning to yearbook, motion to waive 30-day waiting period and add her immediately approved and passed, still looking for Landscaping Chair
   3. Go Play Save update – Officially ended, 307 books sold, approximately half of the 5th grade participated, 32 students got some money off their trip, 86 books outstanding (56 between 4 students), $3150 to 5th graders, $900 to 5th grade fund
   4. Boosterthon – Pep rallies started this morning, videos posted on Facebook. Fun run is Oct. 11. MES hybrid program – PTO does more of the work so MES keeps more of the money. Still need help with huddles in the morning, see SignUp Genius. Will also need water stations. Goal: $675 per lap for 4th and 5th grade to earn color run. School goal: $45k for a new playground. This year we are doing “Run and Done” so all payments will be online. T-shirts are in, had 4 corporate sponsors, will have a sticker for the laps that can be removed, then all MES students will have a MES shirt for the year. Run times in the newsletter.
   5. Rock Project – Ms. Green to start in art classes next week, will be completing throughout Oct., have gotten buckets donated, courtyard updated Oct. 21through partnership with a local church in preparation for Rock Garden installation
   6. Technology update –Waiting on install date for Morning Messenger system through CMS, still working on electronic sign for front.
2. Treasurers’ Report – YTD update & approval of budget - emailed in advance of meeting
3. Secretary Report – Approval of September minutes – minutes approved
4. First VP / Volunteer Coordinator– Need help at Boosterthon huddles at the later times this week, also need help at water tables for Pre-K-1, and at 4th and 5th grade, will need lap markers for 4th and 5th grade as well. The health room has some open shifts for Oct., signup link in left side of newsletter. First quarter lunch coverage signup will come out soon.
   1. Room Parents – Still need one more room parent for Ms. Battista’s class. Room parent meeting immediately following PTO meeting tonight.
   2. Clerical– there are openings to help in the workroom; reminder that if you are volunteering in the school, you have to leave the school if there is a fire drill, or if there is a lockdown drill, you cannot stay in workroom but have to go to a nearby classroom
   3. School Store – 5th grade helpers working well, also has 2 other regular volunteers. Buy more t-shirts, plenty available. Need to fix Pay4School to reflect current staff.
   4. Book Fair – No news yet, book fair not until Dec. Planning to coordinate coat drive with book fair this year.
5. Second VP/ Kindergarten & Parents
   1. Corporate Contributions – New BoxTops collection to start next week, no update yet but reminder to ask friends and family to send BoxTops. Still need to promote Shoparoo, not many participants currently – free money, at risk to lose it if low participation.
   2. Yearbook – Just getting started, planning to use LifeTouch again, have another board member and helpers. Coming soon: drop box for pics. Reminder to room parents to send pictures in of celebrations/parties/field trips (put names of teachers in subject).
   3. Landscaping – Still need a chair. Messiah Lutheran helping with landscaping this year.
   4. Community In-Reach – Sending cards for staff birthdays, hanging a banner. October has the most staff birthdays.
   5. Community Out-Reach – Canned food drive kicking off Nov. 1, will benefit the Help Center, open to suggestions to promote the canned food drive.
   6. Health Room – Volunteers have been very helpful and appreciated. Hearing screenings coming up Monday, needed one more person to help in the morning.
6. Third VP/ Reading Bee – Reading bee went well, approximately 90 kids participated, much lower participation than in past years, will re-visit the recording page for next year, lots of new volunteers helped.
   1. Family Nights – Brakeman’s coffee spirit day did ok, CFA did well – made over $300 and they have offered us a spring date. Next spirit night Oct. 26 at Mooyah. New events with sports teams in the works, including Charlotte Checkers in the winter and Charlotte Independence in the Spring. Family night (not a fundraiser) with Charlotte Hornets game (vs. LA Clippers) will be Sat., 11/18, 7pm– have reserved a block of tickets for MES, families will sit together, all electronic. Bingo night scheduled for Jan. 26.
   2. Staff Hospitality- working on Tuesday treats – 1st one is tomorrow, sponsored by 4th grade, will have drop off at front office and both carpool lines as well as bus lot.
   3. Staff Appreciation – Not until March.
   4. Additions: Stingerfest discussions starting, will be in the spring (moved due to Boosterthon), hope to be a hybrid of the festival and family night, anticipate scaling back the baskets.
7. Teachers’ Report – Teachers are happy – especially with new Boosterthon change to online only payments.
8. Principal’s Report– SLT reviewed draft school improvement plan, if you have any feedback or suggestions, please send them to Ms. Sealey or Ms. Blanchard. Changes: under bullying prevention, students are receiving character ed through media time; and teachers are on a professional learning cycle to improve reading/writing strategies. SLT also reviewed our safety plan – if you have any suggestions, please also let Ms. Blanchard know. Changes to McDowell street are all about student safety – please address any concerns to Ms. Blanchard – no cars on McDowell in morning or afternoon, children need to be accompanied by an adult if crossing McDowell street. Our Dean of Students (Ms. Stanley) will be leaving d/t a promotion, MES has made a recommendation but can’t make it public yet. Book character day will still happen, with some changes, waiting until after Boosterthon to communicate about it.
9. Next Meeting – Monday, November 6, 7pm