

PTO Agenda
Monday, May 18, 2015
6:30-7:30

In Attendance:

Parents: Sara Lovat, Cynthia Lancaster, Ginny Hayes, Lisa Preston, Carrie Peltier, Brooke Ust, Julie Small, Anita Dualeh, Sara Hobbie, Kim Klinge
Staff: Lisa Arcand, Jill Gebeke, Barbra Henry
Community Members: Darcy Rivers

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

Welcome and Introductions- Brooke Ust

Principal's Report- Jill Gebeke

- Upcoming field day on Friday. Send a change of clothes and/or a towel with your child. PTO will send out an email promoting the day.
- The last awards assembly of the year is this Wednesday.
- 100 K Spotlight grant with artist in residence was not funded for Chelsea Heights. We will apply for some smaller grants to get some artists here.
- MCA is done. There were some technical difficulties during testing.
- Staffing changes that were mentioned last month have been finalized. Fourth grade teacher, Ms. Flaten, will go from fourth to fifth (she will loop up with her fifth grade). Julie MacGreggor is going from fifth to fourth grade.
- Thank you to the PTO for all they do for the school and the staff.
- Tomorrow there will be a school board meeting. Classroom teachers grade 1-5 have job-embedded professional development embedded in their week (100 minutes a week). The board will discuss this policy at their meeting tomorrow and make a decision about it.

Mosaic Project- Lisa Arcand

Mrs. Arcand would like to build a 4x10 foot mosaic outside of the school that would represent the ethnic diversity of our school community. It would have "welcome" in many languages. Ecolab visions for learning grant will be applied for. This would provide up to \$3,000.00. She is looking for extra funding. Materials cost approximately \$600.00. The artist's labor cost is 80\$ x 30 hours. She would still need between \$500-1,000.00 in addition, if the grant was awarded. She would need even more if the grant was not awarded. The artist would work with the children to build the mosaic. Darcy Rivers suggested looking into the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council (MRC), as they offer seasonal grants. The PTO is being asked to consider partially funding this project for next year.

Color Run- Brooke Ust

The color run was a special event to signify the end to running club. There were 65 students that participated. A company assisted with the logistics. It happened on the grassy area behind the school. Snacks were provided. They ran around four times and got splattered with color at the end. We raised \$4,000.00. We netted 60%. In time, we hope to get rid of catalog sales. We still have two years of Clubs Choice contract. And then we will move to color run to raise money. The timing was not ideal.

Carnival- Carnival Committee

The carnival was on Friday. It was a success! There were people from the neighborhood and the school. There were strong pre-sale tickets. The committee will be looking at the placement of bathrooms and other stands. We really need porta potties set up next year. They will put out Survey-Monkey before the end of the school year to get feedback on what people like and do not like for next year. Club's Choice representative may be able to provide a way to offer us lower priced prizes for next year. We will need to pay for a security officer next year. They feel they made about \$4,500.00, though fundraising was not the goal. The majority of volunteers were staff and their families, since parents did not step up to volunteer. In the future, we will ask Murray students to volunteer.

Current Budget- Carrie Peltier and Lisa Preston

We spent about \$9,000 less than we expected to overall. We have extra money in the budget, so we would like to have a grants committee next year. Next year, we would like to find another company to provide spirit wear, since they are so expensive. We would also like to have enough for kindergarten open house. Ideas for new companies are "Shirty" used by NW Como Recreation Center and also Roseville High School used by running club this year. We are thinking of selling the current stock at a more reasonable price, although we would lose money.

Vote for the Budget for 2015-2016- Carrie Peltier and Lisa Preston

This vote will be postponed, since we do not have final numbers yet.

PTO Secretary Position Open

This vote was postponed to elect PTO Secretary for two year term from 2015-2017.

Extend PTO President's Term

We voted to extend PTO President until the end of 2017, so that the position will be up for re-election at the same time as the PTO Secretary. All were in favor.

Coordinator Positions Open:

Spirit Wear
Running Club
Landscape Committee
Grants Committee
Directory
Communications

PTO meetings for the 2015-2016 school year: Tuesdays?

We will have the meetings planned out for the year:

October meeting is Title I

April meeting is always school budget and SCIP

NW Como Recreation Center- Darcy Rivers

It is time to register! There are many great activities happening.

July 10 camp out. Get registered.

The welcome back bon fire will be Friday, October 2.

Other Business:

There was a discussion about running club and changes for next year. Could running club be ran through NW Parks and Recreation somehow? Could it be offered as a class, like "Power Up?" Could NW Como pay an instructor and Chelsea Heights get the volunteers, in order to accommodate the number of children that wish to be involved? It would still be beneficial to change running club from the spring to the fall. There is already equipment purchased for running club that could be used by NW Como Recreation Center. This year we had about 55 students and we went two days/week (Monday and Wednesday) for five weeks.

As a reminder, please add Chelsea Heights to your Target Red Card.

Plan Family Fitness Night and Literacy Night, etc. on a day that was not before a three day weekend. It was suggested to space out the S'more Fun Talent Show from the carnival.

Meeting adjourned on 8:00 pm