

Mount Vernon PTO Executive Committee

September 1, 2022

Meeting at MVES

OFFICERS PRESENT: Sally Pittman, President; Anne Marie Braham, Past President; Elizabeth Latta, Vice President; Emileigh Greene, Treasurer; Alyson Wellborn, Secretary; Jennifer Westbrook, Principal; Mary Katherine Johnson, Assistant Principal; and Rebecca Bowman, Teacher Representative

- I. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER: The President, Sally Pittman, called the meeting to order.
- II. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Emileigh gave the first motion to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2022 board meeting; Anne Marie gave the second; all votes in favor.
- III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
 - A. The September enrollment is 612 students enrolled at this time, which is similar to last year. The average class size of k-3rd is 21, and 4th-5th grade is 25 average class size.
 - i. There is a shortage in school bus drivers. The county has drivers lined up, but the training process is long.
 - B. Explore Time
 - i. The team would like to combine stem and social/emotional learning opportunities. This would also allow to help kids to interact with each other.
 1. The emphasis will be on the 5 Cs- Character, Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking, and Creativity.
 - C. Beginning of the year assessments
 - i. Map 1st-5th will have reports coming home on 9/13.
 - D. GSAPS (Georgia Assessment on Performance Standards)
 - i. This month we will be hosting a district review team. Please encourage everyone to take the survey posted in the newsletter for parent feedback. Deadline for survey is September 13.
 - ii. There will also be information about visitors and volunteers in the newsletter. Visitors coming for lunch are not required to do the volunteer application. However, volunteers need to do application and modules online. The link can be found in the newsletter.
 1. Concerns raised about the new check out policy and not being able to enter the front doors. Some parents feel there is a lack of consistency. Jennifer Westbrook will communicate new policy in the newsletter.

E. UPCOMING DATES

- i. September 2
 1. National College Day Colors
 2. Deadline to sign up for Club TOME
- ii. September 5
 1. Labor Day Holiday
- iii. September 9
 1. Families
 2. Gold Out for childhood cancer awareness
- iv. September 12
 1. Wear Red, White, and Blue in honor of Patriot Day (Sunday 9/11)
 2. Explore Time
- v. September 13
 1. K-5th grade MAP family reports go home
 2. 3rd-5th grade Progress Reports go home
- vi. September 19
 1. Explore Time
- vii. September 21
 1. Picture Day
- viii. September 22
 1. Early Release Day at noon
 2. Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ix. September 23
 1. NHHS Homecoming

IV. PTO President's Report, Sally Pittman

- A. Fall Festival (new name in process)
 - i. October 21 from 5:30 to 7:30
 - ii. Art teacher from high school needs community hours for her students, will possibly do face painting.
 - iii. Can ask football players and cheerleaders from high school to be involved
 - iv. Ask Coach House for field day games
 - v. Parents can bring picnic dinner and a blanket

- vi. Need bathrooms set up for inside
- vii. Jennifer Westbrook will reach out to teachers to see who will volunteer for the Dunk Tank (maybe 4 total teachers)
- viii. Emileigh will reach out to Kona Ice
- ix. Alyson will reach out to food trucks
- x. Alyson and Elizabeth will create a photo booth
- xi. Cake walk will be held in the gym. Will need 2 tables for the cake.
- xii. Anne Marie's brother will have a playlist of music to play kid friendly music.
- xiii. Will contact Courtney Allgood and Callie Sims to help organize this event and create a sign up genius for volunteers.

B. Wonderful Wednesday

- i. September 21 and still to be determined where lunch will come from, possibly The Baker's Daughter. Elizabeth Latta will finalize this decision.
- ii. All ten months are committed for donation for teacher lunches.
- iii. Monthly Snacks for teachers are around \$150. Will continue to work to have snack cost covered.

C. Capital Campaign

- i. Discussed a sound system for school wide use
- ii. Sally Pittman will follow up on information about the track

D. November PTO activity

- i. Stargazing/Storytime
 - 1. Ms. Harper, Ms. Poole, and Ms. Lathem have volunteered to host a tent. Still need possibly 2 more teachers to volunteer.
 - 2. Need potential date- Jennifer Westbrook will look at calendar and send possible dates.

V. Treasurer's Report

A. Budget

- i. Last year the budget was around 20k, however due to inflation and other needs the budget has been bumped to 30k.
 - 1. Staff Appreciation bumped up-Christmas lunch and teacher appreciation week

2. Art has been bumped up. \$850 has been spent already and will need approximately \$300 more for clay.
3. Stem bumped up to \$500
4. We now have 4 special ED classes which will receive \$200 each.
5. Music has bumped up to \$500
6. PTO after school events bumped up to include open house, movie night, fall event, are you smarter, and wizards
7. Explore Time budget may need to be increased, will track and watch for any discretionary.

B. Movie Night Wrap UP

- i. Expenses for movie night were \$2,270.47 and proceeds were \$2,082.00.
- ii. It is noted to buy more glow sticks for next year. We ordered 192 glow sticks and could buy approximately 300 for next year.

VI. VOTE for 2022-2023 Proposed Budget of \$30,070 by Treasurer, Emileigh Greene. Sally Pittman, president gave first motion to approve the proposed budget and Elizabeth Latta, Vice President gave the second motion. All votes in favor of approval.

VII. Car Rider Questions/Concerns

- A. Clings are needed in car rider if a parent is picking up another student. Jennifer Westbrook will add to the newsletter that extra clings are available if needed.
- B. The question was also raised if out of district students can ride home with magnet students on the bus. Jennifer Westbrook will look into this question.

MEETING IS ADJOURNED

SUBMITTED by Alyson Wellborn, Secretary