

Mount Vernon Exploratory PTO Executive Committee

March 2, 2023

Meeting at MVES

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

- I. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER: The President, Sally Pittman, called the meeting to order.
- II. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Emileigh Greene gave the first motion to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2022, board meeting; Anne Marie Braham gave the second; all votes in favor.
- III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, Jennifer Westbrook
 - A. March enrollment Update-623 students enrolled
 - i. K-3rd average class size is 22
 - ii. 4th-5th average class size is 26
 - B. Teacher Workday
 - i. Collaborative team meetings, Adam Welcome virtual PL, Canvas PL, and parent conferences
 - C. Mid Year Assessments
 - i. ELA & Math are complete
 - ii. All parents should have a parent teacher conference or scheduled before spring break
 - D. Museum Night
 - i. Over has went well with lots of parents attending.
 - E. Talent & Art Show
 - i. Scheduled for April
 - F. Timeline for 2023-2024 Nonresident Enrollment
 - i. Magnet Application deadline is March 17
 1. Apply online through website
 - ii. Tuition Application
 1. This is for first time applicants
 2. Deadline is March 31, and application is online
 - G. Upcoming Dates

- i. March 3-Kindergarten Book Character Parade
- ii. March 9- 1st and 2nd grade museum night
- iii. March 18- NHCEF Annual Auction
- iv. March 20-23- Kindergarten Registration
- v. March 24- Teacher work day
- vi. Week of March 27-Math Mania and One and Done
- vii. Week of April 3-Spring Break
- viii. Week of April 17- Spring Book Fair

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT, Emileigh Greene

A. 5th Grade Budget

- i. \$2500 Budget
- ii. Last year the money was used for gifts and yard signs. Final plans have not been set in stone yet. There are options still being decided on. Per Ms. Westbrook, the field trip will not be outside of Hall County.
- iii. Give the parents the option to purchase their own school yard sign instead of it being taken out of the budget.

B. 5th Grade Celebration

- i. Do the students enjoy the drive through? Maybe explore another option. There are safety concerns that come with the drive through.
- ii. There would be a walk through in the gym, but the challenge is dismissal and kids checking out.
- iii. Another option was having a breakfast party in the gyn with parents and music.
 - 1. The point was made that parents are more able to come first thing in the morning vs. afternoon.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Sally Pittman

A. One and Done- March 31

- i. The DJ, bounce house, and frozen frenzee are all booked.
 - 1. Frozen Frenzee is asking the date for field day, Ms. Westbrook will let us know when we have a date for field day.
- ii. One and Done Prizes
 - 1. Any donation amount gets a MVES Trojan cut out with their name to display on grade level bulletin boards

2. \$10 Donation wins a trojan cup filled with candy.
3. \$50 Donation with a trojan draw string bag with NH logo.
4. \$100 donation wins a north hall t shirt.
5. \$200 donation wins a north hall hoody.
6. 100% Participation by class gets an extra 30 minute recess.
7. The teacher that raises the most overall gets \$500 for classroom use and the second place teacher gets \$250.
8. The class in each grade level that raises the most gets a pizza party.
9. The highest 20 donors will get "lunch with the principal"
10. The highest donor overall will win a spring break basket, which includes Braves Memorabilia and braves tickets to a game.

B. Recess

- i. Parents have voiced concerns about the whole class losing recess over individual student problems.
- ii. Per Ms. Westbook, they have been struggling with expectations across the board with cafeteria, hallway, and recess
- iii. Ms. Westbrook visited the 4th grade classrooms and she discussed with them the current recess decision and that it was temporary for safety reasons. She allowed the kids to ask questions and let them express their feelings. She stated they are going to have a plan to bring it back and what that will look like.

C. New Officers

- i. Kristy Aciyena has been suggested for treasurer.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Alyson Wellborn, Secretary