

Mount Vernon PTO Executive Committee

November 8, 2023

Meeting at MVES

OFFICERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Latta, President; Sally Pittman, Past President; Christy Malcom, Vice President; Kristy Aycinena, Treasurer; Alyson Wellborn, Secretary; Jennifer Westbrook, Principal; Mary Katherine Walker, Assistant Principal; and Rebecca Bowman, Teacher Representative

- I. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER: The President, Elizabeth Latta, called the meeting to order.
- II. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Elizabeth Latta gave the first motion to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2023, board meeting; Sally Pittman gave the second motion; all votes in favor.
- III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
 - A. 641 students enrolled
 - i. K-3rd grade average class size 21
 - ii. 4th-5th average class size 25
 - B. MVES is very appreciative of staff snacks and lunches.
 - C. NHCEF visit went well last week.
 - D. Veteran's Day breakfast and walk this Friday morning, November 10.
 - E. NHHS Captains Table- Friday 11/10
 - i. Visiting all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes
 - ii. Student Athlete Leaders-sharing about values: character, passion, together
 - F. Upcoming Dates
 - i. November 10 MVES Veterans Day breakfast and walk
 - ii. November 13 Fall Pictures Retakes
 - iii. November 15 3rd grade parent conferences after school
 - iv. November 16 Museum Night 4th and 5th grade
 - v. November 20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays
 - vi. Week of December 4-Map Testing
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT
 - A. Teacher Allotment Forms
 - i. The new form is working at this time and there are not issues.

- ii. The idea was proposed to give a check from PTO to MVES book keeper and they then distribute the funds to each teacher. Ms. Westbrook stated that the only issue would be reimbursement. Currently the PTO has two options, the school can only order and not reimburse the teachers.
- iii. If there are anymore changes made, Ms. Westbrook will be made aware.
- iv. The idea was proposed to give teachers giftcards, but the school cannot give those. PTO could but there still would need to be accountability for what was purchased by Ms. Westbrook.
- v. PTO will brainstorm more options to simplify the teacher allocations. It is also an option to give the teachers their money at the end of the school year for the following year to have during the summer if needed.

B. Spirit Wear

- i. PTO is at a \$500 profit for spirit wear.
- ii. There is one box left of items that is in the PTO closet. The box mostly contains dri fit shirts. PTO could repost on social media during the spring.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Pumpkin Picnic Wrap Up

- i. The turn out was great and the weather ended up being nice.
- ii. Feedback for next year? Ms. Westbrook said it was great and she loved the football players coming to volunteer in the tank. The kids were talking about this on their podcast as well as the balloon artist.

B. Wonderful Wednesday

- i. BWG dental will be providing lunch on November 15.

C. Winter Literacy Day

- i. There will be 3 rotations with a cookie and milk at the end.
- ii. Pe will be snow ball tag. The art room will be Christmas carols. The music room will be Santa reading a book and taking pictures with students. Once the students finish they will receive a milk and cookie.
- iii. Christy Malcom will make a sign up genius for the parents to volunteer.

D. December Wonderful Wednesday

- i. Pyper Macloskie will provide lunch on December 15.

E. Teacher Christmas Party

- i. PTO has offered to be of service if they need any help. Plans are being finalized per Ms. Westbrook and any funds from PTO would be appreciated. This event will be on December 13. The location is still being determined.
- ii. There will be different pop up shops for teachers to shop at.

F. Playground Updates

- i. Elizabeth Latta met with Wes Hall last week to discuss and look at the playground. 19 swing mats have been ordered and will be delivered to the school.
- ii. The mats will need to be secured into the ground. We will possibly need to have a parent volunteer work day to get the mats installed.
- iii. An e mail has been sent to Stan to see the master plans of the play ground. We would like to know if there is a drainage system up and if so we would like to see if maybe a plumber could come take a look at this system to see if it is working properly. If it is not working we will brainstorm on a drainage plan that is functional to decrease the water build up after the rain.

G. Miscellaneous

- i. It has been brought to attention that the hand dryer near kindergarten hallway is really loud and disruptive. Elizabeth will send Ms. Westbrook her experience in an email and she will forward to the district, director of facilities.
- ii. Fifth grade award ceremony is still being discussed with the leadership team. The meeting during the 3rd quarter is when they start looking at the end of the year.

VI. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. PBIS points

- i. There has been request for PBIS prizes from teachers to parents. PTO has asked if they should send in prizes. PBIS is a reward system for good behavior.
- ii. PTO could give some funds out of the discretionary funds to support this and will discuss it further. Christy will reach out to teachers to see if the funds are needed for PBIS point rewards.
- iii. PTO will brainstorm on new possible options for PBIS point rewards.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Alyson Wellborn, Secretary

