

Mount Vernon PTO Executive Committee

January 10, 2024

Meeting at MVES

OFFICERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Latta, President; Sally Pittman, Past President; Christy Malcom, Vice President; 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: Christy Malcom gave the first motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2023, board meeting; Sally Pittman gave the second motion; all votes in favor.
- III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
 - A. 636 students enrolled
 - i. K-3rd grade average class size 21
 - ii. 4th-5th average class size 25
 1. 24 in 4th grade and 26 in 5th grade
 - B. Teacher PL Day- Differentiated instruction sessions led by special programs team; MAP data analysis; Mentor/mentee time; Team Planning
 - C. Special thanks to PTO for the monthly staff appreciation snacks and lunches.
 - D. Attached is the MAP midyear data
 - E. UPCOMING DATES
 - i. January 10
 1. HCSD Spelling bee at Johnson High School
 2. 5:00pm-E2 parent interest meeting at NHMS
 - ii. January 12- Families
 - iii. January 15-MLK Holiday, no school
 - iv. January 18-HCSD Technology Competition
 - v. February 8- K and 3rd Grade Museum Night
 - vi. February 19-20- Staff and Student Holidays
 - vii. February 21- Teacher workday
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Teacher Allotment Update
 - i. Teacher reimbursements will be turned over to Missy and she will now manage this. Christy Malcom will send over the final information to Missy. PTO request to have a report at the end of the year to determine what is left. Christy Malcom has created a spreadsheet with allotment title and amount and has sent to Ms. Westbrook. We will finish out this year and plan for new school year for 2024 with possibly the gift card and documentation to report items purchased.

- V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - A. Winter Literacy Wrap Up
 - i. This year flowed better and was easier on the connection teachers. The kids had fun and the teachers were happy with the day per Ms. Westbrook.
 - ii. Santa pictures will be looked at ahead of time next year to see how to send out the pictures. Group pictures may be a better option than each individual student. Still allow the students to talk to Santa one on one but just do group pictures.
 - B. Playground Mats
 - i. 19 mats were installed this weekend with special thanks to parent volunteers. Please send feedback to PTO if there are any problems or concerns.
 - ii. We will continue to monitor the water run off and mulch control.
 - C. Wonder Wednesdays
 - i. January 17 lunch and January 31st will be a hot chocolate bar for snack
 - D. February Event
 - i. The museum night and musical night is around this same time. We have nothing planned as of now
 - E. Preparation for One and Done
 - i. PTO will be going to brainstorm about different prizes. Elizabeth proposed the option for a king or queen of the car pool as a top prize. Ms. Westbrook states she would work discuss this option and see what options we had. Could possibly pick up at the front and have a set time. Will continue to discuss and brainstorm this option.
 - ii. Aly has sent an email to look into beach towels for a prize.

F. Fifth Grade Graduation Events

- i. PTO is looking for more of a recognition program, almost like an awards day where they feel celebrated, possibly have the walk the hall. Parents would like to be more involved with celebrating the kids. Dates are usually sent out around spring break. Leadership team is still discussing this topic and will speak about this again at their next meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Submitted by Alyson Wellborn, Secretary