

MBS PTO

1/11/18

Attending: Angela Bean, Haylee Patch (babysitter), Julie Faas, Benjamin Hardy, Gail Messier, Ryan Kluk, Elizabeth Eastman, Julie Benay, Colleen Birner, Pam Isham, Becky Roy, Margaret Brown

SCHOOL UPDATES

- Principal search: Interviews held this week; we are close to completing the process. The finalists will be discussed with the Board, who will decide whether to keep the position open longer or move forward with the process.

YEARBOOK

We have a committee of four, led by Jaycie Puttlitz.

Order forms have gone out.

Class lists and portraits are done, and the committee is working with teachers to get more candid photos. Jaycie will reach out to Beltrami to get new student photos taken in March, and to take photos of some UA classes.

The Lucky Day sign up genius should include two spots for “photographers” so we get enough photos of that event.

GARDEN

Colleen Birner has offered to be the new garden steward. Jaycie Puttlitz created a Google folder with plans that can be followed, and she is willing to help out in April and May. Julie will check to see if we have third and fourth grade teachers who would like to start some of the plants and work on getting the garden planted this spring.

LUCKY DAY PARTY

Lily explained the Lucky Day carnival, which is scheduled for March 16th. As the children come in, they get a baggie of 10 tokens. In the gym, we have a number of “no tech” carnival games such as bowling, scooter races, ping pong toss, etc. We recruit CMS and CHS students to run the games. MBS kids pay one token to play the game. After playing, they get a slip to put their name on, and they deposit the slip in a raffle for one of the prizes. They can get more tokens as often as they want to. There is a snack bar and face painting. Near the end of the party, we usually have Irish dancers from a local dance studio and a “dress like a Leprechaun” parade/contest. We close by drawing the raffle prizes.

Our babysitter did not have any children, so we asked her to help us with ideas for recruiting CMS kids. She said email is not a good idea because many do not check their email. Suggestions for getting CMS volunteers:

- Don't use email
- Use announcements
- Make posters

Another suggestion was to recruit from St. Mike's.

We need parents to run the snack bar. We think Trish DiFonzo will take the lead on the snack bar. Julie, Ryan and Lily take care of the games, the front entrance, and the face paint set up.

Pam Isham will shop for gift cards! At the February meeting we need to give her ideas about what to shop for, based on what we have done in the past.

LEGO LEAGUE

Lego League finished the VT season and did better than expected. They placed 3rd in the State so they got invited to the US Open in CA! They may need to raise \$8,500 but they would need to make a decision by the following day. Angela noted that we exceeded our fundraising goal by over \$3,834.00.

Angela Bean moved and Gail Messier seconded a motion to donate an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00 to register for the Lego League nationals. Discussion was held, and the motion was **Approved unanimously**.

We have enough Legos for two full teams now, but Lego League needs more coaches. Julie will include in the newsletter to see if we can get new coaches.

FOUR WINDS

Julie shared how the Four Winds fees have been broken down in the past. PPS and UMS each pay $\frac{1}{3}$ of the fee from their PTO (\$916.67 each). MBS splits their $\frac{1}{3}$ of the fee between PTO and our student activity account, so MBS PTO pays $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total. In the past, either the MBS PTO or the MBS student activity account picks up the cost of the extra kits. Julie noted that there is a small price increase for next year.

Lily moved and Angela seconded a motion to approve Four Winds for 2018-2019, including our share of the proposed price increase. **The motion passed unanimously.**

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We received a check for \$750.50 from box tops

We will be receiving a check from the Hannafords helps schools program although I have not heard the dollar amount yet

We raised \$ 3,834 more this year than last year for the Genevieve Fundraiser—total sales this year was \$18,105

Price Chopper: 31,917 points. PE department will browse for playground equipment and let Angela know what they need.

LAKE MONSTERS

Margaret Brown will manage the Lake Monsters ticket sales and communicate with the Lake Monsters about this fundraiser. There will be one "Colchester Night" at the ball game this summer, although the tickets can be exchanged for any game during the season.

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

We did not have anyone from OOTM at the meeting, but Stephanie Fournier emailed some basic information for our notes. We have three teams this year at MBS with a total of 19 students.

The head coaches are Joni Pecor, Hannah Cruickshank and Todd Timmerman.

Two of the teams are competing in the Vehicle problem and one team is working on the Drama Problem.

OTHER NOTES:

Welcome Margaret Brown, a new Colchester community member!

Gail Messier has agreed to consider being the new treasurer, as our current treasurer has a fifth grader.