

Miller Elementary PTO Minutes

Date: Monday October 9, 2017

The meeting came to order at 9:03 am with the Pledge of Allegiance

-Treasurer's Report

- September Spirit Wear Sales made **\$2,000!** Left over merchandise will be available for purchase at Parent/Teacher Conferences on Oct. 18th & 19th. Individual orders will now be placed on the first week of every month with a 2 week turnaround time. This will make delivery and billing more convenient. This information is to be posted on both Facebook pages by Selena and order forms are available to download from those sites and also at school in the folder on the Spirit Wear Showcase in front of the Office.
- September costs were-
 - Fun Run popsicles -\$40.50
 - Playground balls and 2 basketball nets -\$79.50
 - Raz Kids Renewal -\$550.00
 - Reading A-Z -\$110.00
- All Miller Teachers were able to shop from the Scholastic Catalogs to get ready for the 2017-2018 school year. New teachers were also invited to do so this month and were very appreciative.

-Playground Restoration Committee

- First meeting was held on Sept. 25th with 6 in attendance; 2 parents, 2 teachers, and 2 PTO members. The next meeting will be held on Monday October 23rd at 4:00 in the Miller Library, all are welcome to attend.
- How to donate to the Playground Fund was revised, now stating:
"To donate to the Miller Playground Restoration Fund, please send a check payable to Miller Elementary with "Playground" noted on the memo line. Donations can be dropped off at Miller Elementary School or mailed to: Miller Elementary, 18955 Hannan Road, New Boston, MI 48164 Upon receiving a donation, a receipt can be provided for tax purposes.
- A letter will be sent home this week to inform parents and members of the community that a fund has been created and the 4 different levels of recognition: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum. These donators will be recognized with engraved brick pavers on the grounds, a banner in the Gym, and signs on the playground fence based on their donation level.
- Budget for a new Playground is \$75,000-\$100,000.
- Meghan McPherson will meet with Joe Nickel from Grounds Maintenance this week to discuss logistics and proposed plans. She has also been in touch with playground companies and will be reviewing possible design options to be discussed at the next meeting.
- A Table will be set up at the Parent/Teacher Conferences on Wednesday Oct. 18th from 5:00-7:30 and Thursday Oct. 19th from 1:00-3:30 & 5:00-7:30. Committee members will be available to give parents a tour of our current playground and discuss details about the committee and

donating. Parents will have the opportunity to give suggestions and feedback for what they would like to see on the new playground. Donations may also be received.

- The proposal of a new playground was discussed with Huron School District Superintendent Richard Naughton and a budget approval was made- **The School District Will Match All Donations to the New Playground!!!**

Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser

- A motion was made by Raeann Ramsby and passed unanimously that 100% of all money raised with this Fundraiser will go toward the Miller Playground Fund.
- Envelopes were sent home with students last Friday with the sale running from Oct. 9-23rd. A video was presented to all teachers and classrooms with details and fun motivators to get kids excited about this fundraiser. They can go online to www.cherrydale.com/frmilnm to register and make an Avatar. They can even record their very own video to send to family and friends!
- The top seller in each grade will get to choose from prizes like a Zoom Stick Caster Board, Bluetooth Wireless Headphones, Bike, Amazon Echo Dot, or a 7 in Amazon Fire Tablet. Also, the top selling class in each grade will get to celebrate with an Ice Cream Party! Every child to sell at least 12 items will win a box of Free Cookies for their family.
- Envelopes and money are to be returned to school by Monday Oct. 23rd and Product Delivery is scheduled for the week of Nov. 27th.

-Trunk-or-Treat

- **Friday Oct. 27th from 6:00-7:00** behind the school on the blacktop.
- Police Officers Nappo and Robins will be invited to attend, as well as the Fire Dept. Swift Trucking may attend as well.
- Shawn Petty volunteered to ask Apple Charlie's to donate donuts and apple cider for the kids.
- A letter will be sent home with details soon and how to register your "Trunk."
- A concern about how to receive candy donations this year was discussed. A suggestion was made that a Rubbermade bin or garbage can with lid could be placed at the front doors of the school every morning for parents to drop candy donations into. Possible storage areas were discussed, a non-common area needs to be located due to food allergies. The Office can no longer be used to store food or candy and no one can drop off donations there either due to food allergies.

-Assemblies

- World of Music, Oct. 19th
- Redwings Nov. 29th at 1:45, every grade to attend.
- Pistons Dec. 13th at 9:30, tickets will be available to purchase for a Feb. 3, 2018 game. \$5 return on every ticket sold.

-Damaged Equipment

- Concerns about recently damaged equipment during the Fun Run were discussed and what repairs or replacements are needed.
 - Mrs. Diserens speaker plug was broken off in the outlet. Piece was able to be retrieved but the plug is no longer usable.
 - The PTO Tent was blown away due to improper anchoring and rods were badly bent. Raeann and Holly volunteered to reassemble tent and take inventory of damage to decide if repair or replacement will be needed. Holly volunteered a welder to use if necessary.
- Sand bags can be found in the PTO Storage shed must be used EVERY TIME when using the PTO Tent.
- Principle Gilbert offered to replace all damaged equipment if necessary.

-Popcorn Days

- A motion to resume popcorn days was made and passed. First day to be decided at the next PTO meeting. A Friday in November is possible.

-Principle Gilbert's Report

- New Standards for Reading Proficiency- a letter went home with all students last month explaining these new standards. The "Raz Kids" program needs to be renewed this year and a possible upgrade to "Raz Kids Plus" was discussed. The new program adds Vocabulary Lessons, Printouts, Reading A-Z, and Reports on student progress. A motion was made and passed that the PTO would pay for this new program for all classes K-3rd grade. Estimated cost is around \$2,200. Possible "package rates" to be discussed by Holly Bank with the company rep. and final cost agreed upon. Holly to then discuss with Principle Gilbert for a final decision.
- Proposal was made by Shawn Petty to link all 5th grade teacher communication accounts together into the "Classdojo" program in order to better streamline communications. Some teachers use "Remind Me" or other programs right now. Students have multiple teachers for different subjects and consistency needs to be achieved to properly communicate between all teachers and parents. Principle Gilbert to look into logistics of these programs and discuss with the 5th grade teachers to get a better consensus.

Next PTO Meeting will be on Monday November 13th at 4:00 in the Library. All are welcome to attend. Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Attendees:

Raeann Ramsby- PTO President
Holly Bank- PTO Treasurer
Selena Erickson- PTO Secretary
Shawn Petty- PTO Vice President
Meghan McPherson- Co-Treasurer
Carrie Spencer

Gina Giles
Principle Gilbert