

**MES PTA Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday June 9, 2021**  
**6:30-7:20pm via Zoom**

**In attendance:** Jenna Huntley, Yuna Kim, Unnati Patel, Mr. VanHise, Ms. Lacy, Mrs. Camuto, Mrs. Coffey, Jennifer Harris, Chris Hoffman, Jaime Gostkowski, Jennifer Lafaman, Jennifer Volfson, RoseAnn Sands, Maria Ryan, Muneera Dahodwala

**PTA Administrative Business**

- Meeting called to order by Yuna at 6:33
- Approved minutes from May's general meeting

**Monthly Reports**

**OHES Report - Mr. VanHise**

- Cookies with Principals is underway
  - Mrs. Scotti did last week, and Mr. VanHise will do next week
- Fun Day Friday! Options for both in-person and virtual kids from 9:30-1:30 and additional activities for afternoon
  - Keep an eye out for the staff obstacle course video
- 2nd Grade Clap-Off June 17
  - Can't invite parents but students will line the bus lane to clap off
  - Looking to video/live-stream
  - Unfortunately, virtual kids are unable to join in person
  - Looking how to honor virtual kids somehow during i.e. posters
- 2nd Graders getting special gift of t-shirt to wear at clap-off
  - Virtual students can pick up t-shirts next week
- Chromebooks should be handed back in classroom by end of school
  - Virtual students to drop off at High School June 23
- Thank you to the PTA for pushing out the Principal's Newsletter

**OHES Teacher Report - Mrs. Coffey**

- Nothing to add

**VES Report – Ms. Lacy**

- We are a K-4 team, so updates are much the same
- Cookie date with Ms. Lacy was this week and with Mrs. Camuto is next week
- Month of Magic for 4th graders
  - Virtual magic show on Sat
  - Rock painting project coming along
    - Kids painting rocks that will be put in the school gardens
  - 3rd graders sending well wishes to 4th graders
- Yearbooks in and will be delivered on Friday
- Teacher for the Day drawing was on Tuesday

- Well organized
- Tomorrow is the day in homerooms and related arts and cookies next week
- Orientation for 2nd graders occurred
  - Will be sent to parents
  - Had some technical difficulties for parents but was edited and will be posted
- Clap-off coming up
- Newsletter went out and has all the info
  - Open house hoping families can come and meet the teachers
- Celebrating Pride this month
- Cicadas in full force near VES
- Huge thank you to everyone for being so flexible this year and for how much you've done
  - We should all be very proud of ourselves
  - Who knew we would be in this situation more than a year later, but we all rose to the occasion
- Mrs. Camuto also says thank you to all!

#### **Co-President Report - Yuna Kim**

- Thank you to admin and teachers for coming to these meetings all year after your usual hours
- Looking forward to working with you over the summer for open house
- We had many challenges this year but went well overall
- Excited we were able to do the movie night with Montgomery Baseball
  - Had perfect timing with the lifting of restrictions
- 4th grade magic show was great
  - Cost was donated by anonymous PTA members

#### **Treasurer's Report – Chrissy Hoffman**

- All numbers as of June 3, and amounts are what have cleared in the bank so may be a bit different than stated with the committees
- Income:
  - Membership: 173 community members and 27 staff members
  - Fundraisers:
    - Movie Night \$463.06
      - Bought and sold insect repellent bracelets
      - Baseball paid for rights to film and projector
      - Raffles were split 50/50 but rest of sales were for us
    - Amazon Smile
    - Spirit wear from Movie Night
    - Box Tops: \$2450.60
    - 1st and 2nd grade book sales from author visit
- Expenses:
  - Grants:
    - 4 grants awarded

- Teacher and Staff Appreciation
- Proposed 2021/22 budget:
  - Looked at previous years and last year to come up with the numbers
  - Changed the way we labelled things so looks a little different
    - Used to break down each individual line item for the schools and now put together as 'School Support'
      - Each grade allocated \$4000
      - Gives more flexibility to support the schools in what they actually need
      - Includes bus tags
  - Budget is fluid due to future unseen changes. Can vote to make changes in future
  - Voted in chat - 9 yes, therefore voted in
- Jaime is moving on and leaving the position in excellent hands. She has really appreciated her time working with the school. Thank you.

#### **Board Members - Yuna Kim**

- Jenna, Jaime, and Patty have ended their terms. Thank you for all the hard work
- We look forward to welcoming the new members

#### **MSEPTA – RoseAnn Sands**

- Last general meeting on June 15 @ 6:30
  - Will be voting on slate of officers
  - Link on website and Facebook
- June 16 @ 7pm presentation 'Know Your Rights' Q&A with special needs lawyer
  - Google form to register and ask questions
  - Can send form if needed
- Looking for new representative next academic year

#### **Teacher For A Day – Unnati Patel**

- Has wrapped up! Thank you for all the help!
- Fared pretty well despite the unique year
- \$2385 in sales - minus \$158 for badges and lanyards for winners
- Related arts to schedule
- Kids seem to be really excited!
- Need to think of electronic way to pay - many parents asked

#### **Grants - Chrissy Hoffman**

- 4 grants given at OHES totaling \$2769.06
  - Nesci/Boss (K)- flexible seating
    - Purchased 12 stools for 2 classrooms (6 each)
    - Will allow for alternative seating options
    - Can share with other classes to try
    - \$671.72

- Komar (2nd) - Building Encoding Fluency
  - Purchased multiple literacy tools including alphabet stampers, ink pads, magnetic letter tiles, word building blocks, dough stampers and dough
  - Tools will reinforce and build skills to help with spelling fluency
  - \$465.64
- Abiad (K-2 Academic Support) - Academic Support in Hybrid Model
  - Purchased academic support tools and games to replace ones lent out to fully virtual students
    - Included counters, math flashcards, dominos, fact family boards, magnetic letter kits, sight word flash cards
  - \$612.71
- Charette (K-2) - Generation Genius Subscription
  - Purchased a one-year whole school subscription for the science program
    - Has videos and lesson plans that align with the Science Standards
  - Allows access for the whole school for the 2021/22 school year
  - \$995.00
- 3 grants given at VES totaling \$1530.30
  - Carr (4th) - Kami Subscription
    - Purchased one year subscription for the program that allows students to interact with any document and that works with Google Classroom
    - Larger school wide subscription was looked into but not available
    - Is a one year, one teacher subscription
    - \$99.00
  - Rodriquez (4th) - Neighborhood Readers
    - Purchased 3 copies of each of the books *All Are Welcome* and *Big Feelings*, both by author Alexandra Penfold
    - Will be used for his general education class to read to two self-contained (LLD) classrooms (one copy to remain in each classroom)
    - Benefit is to promote friendship amongst students in different classrooms while celebrating diversity, equality, and inclusion
    - \$81.30
  - Furman (3&4) - Inclusive Curriculum Read-alouds
    - Purchased 5 different book titles previewed by the Inclusive Curriculum Committee
      - *The Day You Began* by Jacqueline Woodson
      - *All Are Welcome* by Alexandra Penfold
      - *The Proudest Blue* by Ibtihaj Muhammad and SK Ali
      - *Where Are You From* by Yamile Saied-Mendez and Jaime Ki
      - *A Kid's Book About Racism* by Jelani Memory
    - Will be used in 3rd and 4th grade classrooms to help the school build and anti-racist world and become a more inclusive community
    - Each classroom will receive books that can be used throughout the year to facilitate learning and discussions
    - 2 books for 3rd grade, 2 books for 4th grade and 1 book for both grades

■ \$1350.00

- 1 grant did not meet the parameters - district does not allow to give grants for technological devices
- Total grants given equaled \$4299.36
- Was less this year than 2 years ago in both number of grants and amount given
- This year was first year of rolling grants
- Hopefully next year will receive more
- Both schools and all students will benefit from the grants given this year
- After this last year, Mr. VanHise is pleased that even 4 grants were applied for
  - Will give a shout out to these teachers in the weekly staff email
  - Chrissy to send the doc
- Can someone from the grants committee come to a staff meeting to explain the process etc. at the beginning of next year? Can the teachers tell us how the grants went so we can share with the community how it is going?
  - Happy to have someone come and to gather feedback from the teachers

**New Business/Announcements/Questions**

- Last meeting of the year

**Meeting concluded at 7:22**