

January PTO Meeting Notes 1-9-2023 @6:30 pm

PTO Attendees: Kim Jensen, Michelle Klencz, Emily Naumann, Diane Thiels, Randy Vetsch
Parents: Jennifer Yiangou, Heather Krisko, Michele Weschcke, Annette Smith

Treasurer Report—Emily Naumann presented the budget. Current balance is \$8,117.90
Pizza Days continue to bring in needed funds. Café Zupas restaurant night brought in \$164.11, Bridgeman’s restaurant night is coming up on Thursday (1/12) from 3 to 9 pm. Diane will reach out to Davanni’s to schedule our next restaurant night. We also discussed meeting with a tax consultant (the same individual who advises Valley Crossings) to ensure we stay in compliance with Pizza Days.

PTO News

- **Pizza Day**—Pizza Day has proven to be a great profit maker for the PTO. We’re still looking for a coordinator going forward as Kim will be stepping down as PTO President this spring. We’re staffed for Pizza Day this week, but volunteers are sparse for future weeks. The PTO will be making an announcement to C lunch to let them know there will be NO discounted pizza sales going forward as kids have been working the system and waiting to purchase their pizza slices only after the price cut. Kim will also decrease the number of pizzas ordered to ensure proper supply and demand ☺

Upcoming Events—

- **Open House 1-24-23** Prospective Families Open House is Tuesday, January 24 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. PTO will plan to provide cookies or candy for the event.
- **January/Feb/March Teacher Appreciation**—monthly treat for the next three months are as follows: Jan 23 – PTO will seek donations (or purchase) big bags of popcorn from the Woodbury movie theatre as well as beverages (parent Michele W will check into possible popcorn donations). Also plan to provide some clementines or other fruit for non-popcorn eaters. Plan for a sweet Valentine’s Day treat and note from the PTO for February. For the March event, we will celebrate Pi Day on Tuesday 3/14.
- **NO Transportation Days**—the district will not be providing busing on January 30 or April 7.
- **Sledding Event 2-4-23**—this would be a free event hosted by the PTO at the Battle Creek Recreation Area. PTO would provide hot chocolate to any MSA student attendees. The new sledding area is slightly south of the previous sledding hill but uses the same parking lot.
- **Hot Dog Lunch**—a parent proposed offering Costco hotdogs for the kids. Kim agreed this might be feasible one Tuesday per month. Costco charges \$1.11, and volunteers could sell the hotdogs for \$3/each. Consider selling veggie straws/Pirate’s Booty puffed corn as a side.
- **Senior Party Planning Update**—four of the eight parents in attendance tonight have seniors that are graduating. Preliminary plans were made for a photobooth (parent Michele W. did this for the party last year.) Check with Amanda Stout for additional planning tips.

Director Update—Randy gave us the MSA passenger van update; those vans are currently out of production at the Ford plant (no ETA currently). Vending machines will return to MSA, one in Building A and one in Building B. Machines will be stocked with reasonably priced nutritious food and beverage items to provide more lunchtime options. Randy provided an expansion/WLA merger update. Merger discussion is on hold for the moment. The next meeting is January 18.

Next PTO Meeting Dates—Meetings are typically held the 2nd Monday of the month @6:30 pm. Next meeting dates are March 27 and May 1