

May PTO Meeting Notes 5-13-2024 @6:30 pm

PTO Attendees: Diane Thiels, Molly Darsow, Jennifer Yiangou, Michelle Klonecz
Parents/Staff: Dr. Kate Hinton, Greg Bettger, Gretchen Toussaint, Courtni Ries

Director Update—MSA is hosting prom on a Paddleford riverboat on Saturday 5/18. Cake Day is 5/30. Ice Cream Day is 6/4. No ice cream truck this time as long wait times caused much consternation. Orders will be made ahead of time and deliveries made to the students in their classrooms. The senior Graduation Ceremony will be 6/6 at St. Kate's O'Shaughnessy Auditorium.

Treasurer Report—Jennifer presented the budget. Current balance is \$16K! Quite a few budget items went unspent this year; some will be removed as line items going forward. Our stock of feminine supplies from the beginning of the year is still going strong, and Molly is restocking bathrooms about once a week. Currently, Pizza Days still bring in the needed income stream to fully fund the PTO. As MSA seeks to eventually incorporate some kind of school-wide lunch program, the PTO will need to seek alternative funding options.

PTO News

- **Teacher Appreciation Week (4/6-4/10)**—Wandering Mug and the Acapulco Taco Bar lunch were really well-received by teachers and staff for appreciation week! Taco Bar leftovers were appreciated as well. The staff LOVED the aqua tape dispensers donated by 3M and decked out adorably by Diane with lots of appreciative sticky tape puns.
- **PTO Officers Election (2024-2025 school year)**—A paper ballot election was conducted at tonight's meeting. Diane Thiels will continue in her position as President, Molly Darsow will remain Vice President, Jennifer Yiangou will remain Treasurer, and Michelle Klonecz will remain Secretary.

Upcoming Events

- **Pizza Day Lunch Schedule Change (5/24)**—Lunch will be 30 minutes earlier due to an end-of-day assembly (MSA Talent Show). Jennifer will notify volunteers via Google Signup Genius.
- **Free Pizza Day (5/31)**—Due to budget changes, this PTO event is back to being free! Greg Bettger volunteered to purchase a pizza stamp so that we can keep track of students who have already received their requisite two free slices.
- **Freezy Day (6/5)**—PTO will fund freezies to celebrate the last day of school! Jennifer will set up Signup Genius for this event as well as for Cake Day on 5/30.
- **Graduation Day Pizza (6/6)**—Rehearsal starts at 3 pm at St. Kate's O'Shaughnessy Auditorium. There are 70 graduating seniors and 30+ band students participating. PTO volunteers will need to order pizzas and bring to the auditorium along with napkins, plates, and bottled water. Gretchen and Greg have graciously volunteered to help. Molly has volunteered to order the pizza and help as well. Pizza service target timeframe is 4:30 pm.
- **6th Grade Picnic Potluck (TBD)**—This event is typically held in late August. Kate will confer with Steve Hoemann to schedule a date. It was decided that this event should be moved to MSA rather than the Highland Park Splashpad in Cottage Grove. In case of rain, the potluck can be served on the stage in Building B and incoming 6th graders can use the gym to play. Otherwise, set up food in the Great Hall and plan to hang out in the open space behind Building A.
- **Back-to-School Night (8/29 3-7 pm)**—Looking for ways to boost PTO's profile at this event. Consider modeling Spirit Wear on a mannequin or large teddy bear. Parent Courtni Ries expressed interest in crafting a basket filled with MSA merch to be raffled off. It would be a great way to get families to submit their information and get to know the important role PTO plays within the MSA community.

Other Items of Note

- **Gift Cards for Staff FIRE**—Once-a-month drawing for this fun teacher giveaway. Need to re-stock supply of gas/coffee/Target gift cards.

Next PTO Meeting Dates—Next meeting is scheduled for July (TBD) @6:30 pm.