

March PTO Meeting Notes 3-24-2025 @6:30 pm

PTO Attendees: Diane Thiels, Molly Darsow, Jennifer Yiangou, Michelle Klonecz

Parents/Staff: Dr. Kate Hinton, Allison Gilbert, Mukti Bhalia, Gretchen Toussaint, Courtnei Ries

Director Update—MSA will close on its new Woodbury property April 15. Groundbreaking will take place shortly thereafter. April 8 is the next scheduled *Coffee with the Director*. On May 13 from 4:30 to 6 pm, incoming 9th graders will join the high schoolers for a picnic right after school. MSA's 25-year celebration will be scheduled for August sometime.

Treasurer Report—Jennifer presented the budget. Current balance is \$17K+! The new basket raffles Molly implemented have been a great addition and much easier to manage than the Restaurant Nights. Pizza day income is down slightly due to increased pizza costs. Pizza Days will likely be less profitable once the school lunch program is up and running. Many high-budget items are coming up this spring: Prom, Teacher Appreciation week, senior lock-in gift cards, etc.

PTO News

- **Pizza Day**—has been going super well, lots of great volunteers on Fridays! The kids are very appreciative. Sales are down slightly during Ramadan.
- **Open House (1/21/25)**—Tours for potential families. Consider student ambassadors for next year to engage with potential new students.
- **Sports Center Event (1/27/25)**—was a huge success, even more well-attended than last year. Molly feels like it's been a very enriching community-building experience.
- **Conference Dinner (2/13/25)**—PTO provided catering from Acapulco for teachers and staff. Leftovers were enjoyed for days after the event.
- **Pi Day (3/19)**—was successful and appreciated by the kids! The Ramadan to-go bags were popular. As always, more chocolate pies are welcome. Also, need to find a good way to keep thawed pies cold enough to serve.

Upcoming Events

- **April Teacher Appreciation (4/2/25)**—plan to purchase 45 canisters of disinfecting wipes, enough for each teacher + a note of appreciation to go along with it. Parent Courtnei Ries will pick up the mobile order @Sam's Club and bring them to the school. Jennifer will also purchase and deliver bagels and cream cheese for the staff meeting on Wednesday morning.
- **Woodbury Expo (4/5/25)**—Looking for volunteers to host the MSA booth, greet potential families, and answer questions.
- **Coffee with the Director (4/8/25)**—Enjoy an end-of-year cup of coffee and camaraderie with the Director!
- **PTO Officers Election (4/28/25)**—A paper ballot will be conducted at April PTO Meeting.
- **Senior Party (6/5)**—Those organizing are looking for volunteers to help with the pancake / sausage breakfast on Saturday morning 6/6 from 4 am to 7 am. Donations are also welcome. Contact Lani Nimerfro
- **Cake Day (5/1/25)**—Cake for everyone to help usher in the end-of-year celebrations! Volunteers will be needed to cut / serve cake.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week (May 5-9)**—PTO will sponsor a lunch, possibly Acapulco. Diane will email Kate / Emma to provide some other perks for the teachers that week, such as flowers, appreciation notes, treats, or maybe a coffee cart. Unfortunately, The Wandering Mug beverage truck closed.
- **9th Grade Picnic (5/13/25)**—Incoming 9th graders will picnic with fellow high school students after school from 4:30 to 6.

Next PTO Meeting Dates—Next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2025 @6:30 pm.