**January PTO Meeting Notes 1-10-2022** @6:30 pm

PTO Attendees: Kim Jensen, Michelle Kloncz, Annette Smith; Cecelia Dodge, Diane Thiegs

Parent Attendees: Mary Yapp

**Treasurer Report**—Annette Smith presented the budget. MSA PTO had great success with the restaurant fundraisers (a big thanks to Diane for launching this effort)! A generous parent donation and January pizza sales also provided some much-needed funds.

* **Pizza Day**—The few short weeks of Pizza Day implementation was successful monetarily. We are looking for a new parent volunteer coordinator for this event. Due to the surge in COVID cases, it was decided we would put this fundraiser on hold until February. PTO may switch pizza vendors as Domino’s charges $3 less per pizza than Papa John’s. At least 2 weeks-notice will be needed to arrange volunteers and coordinate pizza delivery
* **Lunch Pantry**—Diane volunteered to check the status of pantry supplies in both Building A and B with an email to office administrators Shawn and Amanda. If necessary, Diane will pick up more items, such as ramen noodle packets, microwave mac and cheese, granola bars, and applesauce cups. Cecelia requested we also stock a lunch pantry in Building C.
* **Spirit Wear**—Currently still available on Redbubble and Amazon but looking into options to expand.
* **Scrips Fundraiser**—Consider this fundraising option; gift cards from hundreds of different vendors are all available for purchase online and are also printable. It’s a nice option because a wide variety of gift cards are conveniently available without having to run to a store and a small percentage of every sale goes directly to the PTO. More information will be available at the next PTO meeting on March 28.

**Upcoming Events**—

* **January 25th Open House**— Due to COVID concerns, this event has been moved to an online platform. Rather than a potluck, it was decided we would put out a request for parents to bring store-bought treats for the teachers that evening (items may be dropped off at student pick-up time). Mary Yapp volunteered to contact Starbucks to request a donation of both regular and decaf coffee. Plan for approximately 40 people. PTO President Kim volunteered to host an informational breakout session for parents interested in the PTO.
* **Pi Day**—Pi Day is over spring break, but we will plan to celebrate this fun MSA tradition on Tuesday, March 15. Parents will be encouraged to drop off enough pies to enable the entire MSA community to celebrate with a slice of pie. Plan on enough pie for 550 people. Please include some gluten-free options (as well as at least 1 egg-free option).
* **February Monthly Treat for Teachers**—Consider a beverage buffet for the Wednesday after Valentine’s Day. Tea and hot chocolate complete with flavored syrups, marshmallows and whipped cream. Mary has flavored syrup and tea she would like to donate.
* **Cecelia Dodge update**—Cecelia announced a new administrative hire for the middle school starting on Thursday. She also laid out a new schedule proposal for next year with longer class instruction time for 4 classes on alternating days. More information will be available at the virtual January 25 meeting.
* Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**Next PTO Meeting Dates**—Typically meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month @6:30 pm. Next meeting dates are March 28 and May 2nd