



Pso Meeting September 24, 2020 - 6:30 pm via Zoom

Board members in attendance: Danielle Smart, PSO President; Erin Buck, Treasurer; Jen Vasicek, Volunteer Coordinator.

Minutes were read and unanimously approved for the meeting held on April 29th, 2020. Pso positions were voted on and approved- Kristi Sloan for Secretary and Tanell Ogbeide for assistant Treasurer.

Principal's report:

Mr. Nihill spoke about metrics and what metrics would need to be met in order to reopen. Because Washington County doesn't meet the metrics (10 cases per 100,000) we will be distance learning for the first 9 weeks of school.

Since March 13, 2020 which was the first day of no school, Mr. Nihill has a basic needs group who meets 2 times a week to discuss mental health, food and other basic needs. They have spreadsheet monitoring and discuss attendance and connecting issues. He spoke about Packed with Pride and the success of the food delivery program. Overall numbers for enrollment are 530 students. Kinders have 80 students. Conferences are slated for October 29-30th.

He suggested holding the Jog-A-Thon fundraiser in April or May.

Pso President report - Danielle provided a Spirit Wear update. Usually the 5th grade ambassadors pick the design and organize but this year with Covid it will be easier to have the Pso take the lead. Designs have been finalized and ordering details to families will be sent out via school email. There will be an online store in which fulfilled orders will be sent directly to families.

Pso meetings will not be every month.

Scholastic Book Fair:

Dates are October 16-29th and will be shipped directly. Orders over \$25 will have free shipping. 25% of the proceeds will go towards the library.

Treasurer's Report:

Erin summarized our expenses and income as the following: Income from 2019/2020 at \$71,837. Budgeted expenses 2020/2021 is \$30,494. Difference to roll over for 2021/2022 \$41,342, the budgeted income 2020/2021 \$16,300, and total estimated income for 2021/2022 is \$57,642.

The treasurer budget was approved.



Volunteer Report:

Jen Vasicek gave an update of the student directory. She created a google form for parents to fill out with their demographic information and the result will be the ability to connect with other families in their own classroom. Parent directory email has been sent to families and homeroom teachers will distribute the list to the participating families.

Jen indicated that background checks by the district would still need to be done- they send an reminder email if it is expiring.

We do need a webmaster and someone to handle family events such as bingo night.

Garden update: The Pso is working on funding for tree removal to help preserve the boardwalk, and the fall garden cleanup date is set. The volunteers who regularly attend the cleanups will be contacted and there will be a socially distanced scheduled cleanup to limit the amount of helpers at one time.

Safe Routes to schools are paused.

Bottle Drop- we have raised \$100.

Yearbook and staff appreciation-

Update by Megan Wise:

They are working through the challenges of this year but still want to bring a yearbook to MW. This includes the regular feature of the 5th grade "look at us". They do want to hold a yearbook contest and have found a company called TreeRing that can customize a few pages for each student. There is an app download to upload photos.

Committee Reports:

Cyndi Clere: She has indicated she would like to assume the role of staff appreciation committee position and would like suggestions on what to give teachers. Jen sent out a survey of "my favorite things" and those answers are on the Pso website.

Playground repainting is still working out the details and the staff lounge update is on hold.

Dining out updates: Monica Bjers is working with restaurants in our area: and her goal is dining out 1x a month starting in October.

Missoula Children's Theater:

Jenny Herman has tentatively scheduled for it for April. The theater is limited this year and they are suggesting 20 kids in the first part of the show, 20 kids in the middle and if it is outdoor they may be able to include 60 kids with live streaming.

After her proposal, the Pso was open to it if schools do open up after the 2nd quarter. This is the last year Jenny will be organizing the children's theater- she has been bringing this program to MW for the past 9 years, and she needs to pass the torch.

7:40 pm - Meeting was adjourned. Minutes taken by Kristi Sloan

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