

## 9/20/2021 PTO Meeting Minutes

### Attendance

Sara Darlington

Brian Hehn

Emily Herstein

Jocelyn Casser

Dave McMurray

Alexine Quingert

Maximillian Nevarez

Tara Scott

Drew Moore

Joshua Burell

Katy Chib

Dionne Mitchell

Kristin Glass

### 1. Bylaw Amendment

- Bylaw says that to be on the board, child has to be enrolled at MWS; President-elect Dionne Mitchell opted for her child to go into year long digital program so her child is unenrolled from MWS; Discussion was around whether to amend the bylaws to allow Dionne to continue on as a president-elect.
- Brian put Dionne in waiting room for board debate; A few members proposed to change the bylaws to remove the requirement that the member have a child at the school. Members raised concerns that bylaws are an important part of the PTO governance structure, and amending bylaws opens doors for other members to pull their children out but still serve. A few members advocated for her to continue on with her position, noting how deeply involved in the school she is, and also noted that as the only woman of color on the board so the optics could be concerning.
- Debate about whether this is an appropriate change; A member noted bylaw change would require 30 day notice and full vote so that would delay the vote and incoming president elect
- Brian tabled the discussion and will summarize the discussion via email to bring it to a vote as to whether to change the bylaws;

### 2. Fall Fundraisers

- Communications: Brian recommended we create fall pto calendar flier with all our events so we can hand them out within next few weeks; Now we have Bloomz admin access and can create events
- Megan Wynsong's request for fundraiser - Megan had requested the PTO support a fundraiser she proposed in September; Discussion on the topic. One member noted that it might be better practice to do a vendor fair so that it's more equitable to everyone who

has that kind of business; Dave did say that one way the PTO is sure to make money is to add a variety of things, and this adds variety; that could be captured in a fair / also noted that it could be something we feature at the talent show; Decided we know it's a good idea but we can't do it this month and we don't have a process in place for these kinds of requests yet. Brian will communicate that to her.

- Other ideas - wreaths, talent show, other events could feature this kind of fundraiser idea
3. October events
    - Dine out : MOD Pizza - date TBD
    - SFC is hosting a fall gathering on Oct. 22
    - Brian proposed we host our pumpkin patch event at the same time . Naomi is on board to help out with the pumpkin patch as well; Will need two people to take the lead on this; Eve Hehn has volunteered to help, need one more person; Tara can help set up during the day; will call for other volunteers closer to the date to help
  4. November
    - Dine-Out = Clark Burger; Lead - Brian Hehn; Date - TBD
  5. Phone-A-Thon
    - Lead - Brian Hehn
    - We need a call team beyond just the board as well as other volunteers. Brian will be working on organization
    - Can try the call for volunteers option on Blooz to see if we can get people to respond that way, will try that after details are all set
    - Dave noted that we should determine if it should be virtually or in person; suggested that people making the calls - makes call, follows up with text, and then we can ask the admin to send out a text to everyone who is registered with the school as a blast afterwards
    - Emily noted that we asked about sending a blast text last year but the admin said we usually use it emergency situations so that might not be available to us
    - Recommend we do this 1-2 weeks before Giving Tuesday
    - Need to start communicating now with the administration so we have the right lists from admin
    - Nov 9-11 chosen as date range for the Phone a Thon
  6. December
    - Dine-Out = Pizza Blitz; Lead - Rachel Stockton; Date TBD
    - Holiday Greens - Naomi Reetz &, Emily Herstein, more info to come next week or so
  7. Taste of Mt Washington

- Volunteers who can be point people to take on food, donations, logistics with the school - Katy, Jocelyn, Kristin, Tara agreed to take this on; Brian will convene a subcommittee in the coming weeks

#### 8. Public PTO Meeting schedule

- Third Tuesday at 6:30PM - 7:30 PM
  - Tuesday, October 19th - Zoom
  - Tuesday, November 16th - Zoom
  - NO DECEMBER MEETING
  - Tuesday, January 18th - IN PERSON, details TBD
  - Tuesday, February 15th - Zoom
  - Tuesday, March 15th - Zoom
  - Tuesday, April 19th - Zoom
  - Tuesday, May 17th - IN PERSON PARTY! Details TBD

#### 9. Budget Approval

- Please see the attached 2021-2022 proposed budget
- Updates/Changes to Note for this year:
  - Brian proposed increasing the phone-a-thon to \$19k (we made 21K last year)
  - Brian proposed increasing holiday sales to \$6k (if we approve the Fall festival) - last year we did three related items - flowers, pumpkins and greenery sales but decided to keep it at \$5K which is already an aggressive goal
  - Expenses
    - SFC line has been increased to \$1,000. It was previously \$300 but they need additional funds for their events that do raise money for PTO. Brian noted that the PTO is trying to build partnership with the SFC. Jocelyn noted that they are usually hosting zero fund events that don't raise money and are more for community building
    - Website line has been decreased to match the last couple of years' actuals.
    - 5th and 8th grade graduations are at the same amount total, but the allocation between the two has shifted to provide 8th grade with more.
    - Sports line is increased because Principal Smith has been put in charge of sports and told to increase participation. The more we give to that the less expensive it is for the children to participate.
  - Conversations about other ideas to get us to budget neutral -
    - Ideas included sponsor a classroom and envelope fundraiser - bulletin board at front office numbered 1-100, kids could take an envelope home and put that dollar amount in there - families or class projects could be to fill those; contest called penny wars and fill water jugs with coins and dollars and winning class gets a pizza party
    - Recommended upping the other fundraisers income amount to \$6K

- Brian recommended we pass the budget as is with a \$3K deficit and encourages us to raise more funds than expected
- Budget passed unanimously