

MCE PTA BOARD MEETING

September 8, 2009

Attendees: A hard copy list of attendees is available in the PTA 2009/20010 Board Minutes Binder. Please contact Gen Mongon at gmongon@yahoo.com to obtain a copy.

Caryn Best called the meeting to order.

Caryn Best made a motion to approve the August 10, 2009 minutes.

President's Report

Caryn Best thanked everyone for their participation. The year is off to a great start. There are many new people who have signed up to volunteer. The volunteer breakfast is this Friday, September 11. We will have an opportunity at the end of this to speak of our need for volunteers. We have a 40% view rate of our e-blast.

Sue Solms is doing an amazing job with the golf tournament.

Our Business Partner Chairs are doing an amazing job.

Meet the Artist Chairperson, Natalie Steinhour has recruited Angela Sands to help her with the program.

Spirit wear and membership are off to a great start.

A new sign cover is being donated from Core Digital for the outside.

The PTA will be donating popsicles for the spirit wear/Capri sun classroom contest.

The teacher grant forms will contain a section that will note when received from PTA and that it was forwarded to Mrs. Ford for approval and once received back a check will be cut as soon as possible.

All information for PTA newsletter should be sent to Sue Solms second to last week of the month.

Principal's Report/Mary Ford. Mr. Walker from Murabella Publix is going to be our SAC business partner. Mrs. Ford is on the United Way Board and has business partner contacts through that. Mrs. Ford noted that the year is off to a great start.

The PTA general meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10. There will be a surprise at the end of the meeting with some faculty and staff. The meeting will begin at 5:30.

The volunteer breakfast will be Friday, September 11. Mrs. Ford is reaching out to all parents who have signed up to volunteer. She hopes to see over 100 volunteers at the breakfast. There will be an opportunity for volunteers to sign up for a specific opportunity.

The goal for Mill Creek is to work to have each child have one year's growth from the grade level in which they began the year.

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The school Board is working hard to resolve our growth. Six portables have been approved and this will be addressed at the Open House on Tuesday, September 15th for kindergarten. Portables are a temporary solution. There are talks for a more permanent solution. The interviewing process is beginning for the open teacher positions. A new guidance counselor has been hired. She will be announced at a future time. We now have a school psychologist, Victoria Locks.

Alan Anderson wanted to thank everyone for their help and support.

Membership/Stephanie Guy – to date we are at 227 members. 29 teachers have joined PTA.

Sue Solms/ Golf Tournament – 1200 flyers have gone home. Dr. Joyner has been invited to play and MC at the event. Beverly Slough has also been invited. Sponsorship continues to be an area where we need to focus. Registration begins at 11:30 shot gun start at 1:00. The awards banquet is at 6:00 p.m. First Coast graphics is providing a golf towel for each golfer.

Fall Festival / Michele Lewis – October 24th. Tina Stolica will be co-chairing the event with Michelle Lewis. A silent auction has been added to the event.

Treasurer Report. Maryjane presented the Bank of St. Augustine statement from August 31, 2009 with the ending balance being \$9,522.72. The present Board was able to review this statement.

The 2009/2010 budget was finalized. Caryn Best is recommending that catalog sales be removed at this time from the budget. The Holiday Event will be changed and put as a give back under other activities. Teacher appreciation amount was dropped to \$1,500.

With the above changes Maryjane Beeson made a motion to approve the proposed budget. The proposed budget will be presented on Thursday, September 10, 2009 for approval.

Business Partners. To date we have collected \$2,600 from business partners. We have only lost two to date. The Hippo slide is coming up this weekend.

Meet the Artist we have 17 volunteers and 16 classrooms. The program will start this week.

Helping Hands. Takes place in the PTA room every Wednesday.

Vice President Ways and Means. Smencils will be ordered and be available at orientation. Square One Art will be distributed for ordering beginning on October 26th. Deadline for orders will be November 9th. Orders should be received by December 3.

Teacher of the Month / Emily Frazier. Indulge Salon will be donating a hair cut a month. Sarah O'Reilly will be donating her time for this. Merle Norman will donating 1 monthly gift baskets valued at \$20 each.

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5K/ Laurie Sprecher. The event is tentatively scheduled for February 6, 2010. This event will take place along with Wards Creek and Pacetti Bay. A one mile fun run will take place as well for the children. This event is in the planning phase.

New Business. The space off of the library will be turned into a reading area for classrooms. Minimal landscaping will be done with some benches which will allow for another area for classrooms to go to. Gen Mongon made a motion to approve the reading garden with a budget of \$500.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Gen Mongon, Recording Secretary