

Morse PTO Board Meeting – Monday March 7, 2022
Zoom 7:30pm-9:30pm

Brooke Johnson-President
Jennifer Clements-teacher liaison
Lisa Wedel-VP of room parents/spirit wear
Claire Payne-teacher liaison
Melissa McConnell-Co treasurer 2
Kristen Kuhlen-Co treasurer
Sara Knag-secretary
Andrea Niermeier-VP marketing/fundraising
Jessica Fraser-VP membership
Kim Defries-principal
Jennifer Mulholland-counselor

I. Welcome

- Approved minutes from 1/31/2021 meeting

II. Principal's Report: Thanked PTO for the staff luncheon for conferences.

Lisa Barrett will be recognized at the BV school board meeting on April 11th for the Blue Valley Distinguished Service Award. Members nominate someone that have been in the district and have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

District is doing a blue and orange day this coming Wednesday to support OEHS. This will mostly be the staff wearing the colors at the elementary level.

Math night coming up in the next months, date not yet set, needs to be planned around PTO events. Families would be invited and get to play games and see how math is taught. Every BV elementary will have a special math night in the next few months. Schoolstore.com-was not intended to compete with PTO, Lisa B. was excited about an extra way to raise extra money and had shared it with Kim. It was taken down and there won't be any more notifications to parents. School gets a small percentage of the donations which was around \$200.

III. Counselor's Report:

Thanked the PTO for her flowers and card. Sunshine fund-we have a student with a recent cancer diagnosis. We can wait until after spring break to do something for her family. We will honor and celebrate our first full time new social worker.

Last week leadership team met and is looking at May 19th for our all school community service project. Every kid will do one large project, kids against hunger. We choose where the food will go and this will take place at Morse every 6-7 years. The goal is to raise \$10,000 dollars.

We are trying to figure out how to have the fun run during the school day since the carnival committee does not want would be doing a run with grade levels during the school day in May, each grade level would have different times set-20-30 minutes. We could invite parents to run with their kids and they can get a water and healthy snack at the end. May 12th can be our run date tentatively. Mrs. M is going to confirm this date doesn't interfere with any school activities.

Bench for Mr. V has not been delivered yet, but it has shipped so hopefully will be here

soon. A message will be sent out on how to present this to the school and the Vandermark family.

Mrs. M is going to take pictures at the daddy/daughter dance as well as having teachers at the dance to support the girls.

IV. Teacher's Report:

Mrs. Clements shared that they have loved the money that they got in the past week from the recent fundraiser and want to tie it in to PTO for next year. Possibly next year we could have the Take Stock money go to Amazon wish lists. Teachers had a lot of money donated from extended family members with this fundraiser. We need to make Take Stock more of an incentive for families to donate in the future.

V. Treasurer: (Kristen and Melissa)

- 2021-2022 budget update- we have \$1,138.86 brought in from Take Stock. We still have another \$1,000 for Mr. V memorial. Mrs. M is going to check in with Mrs. Vandermark and see where/how she would like this used in his honor.
- Mother/Son and Daddy/daughter need to start evenly with the budget. We are hoping the \$3,500 for mother/son is all we will need out of pocket. Father/Daughter was \$4,700. Next year for the budget these should be the same. The daddy/daughter was \$1200 to rent the facility. Camelot ballroom is raising their prices next year.
- Field Trip Fund-\$1400 was to cover for the t-shirts for 2 grades, as well as buses. This year we have given \$1400 already for buses. We had decided as a PTO in the past that parents will pay for bus fees moving forward and not having the PTO paying for it. We will finish paying for buses for this year and moving forward we need to decide if families pay for the bus.
- Quick books charge us \$50 per month, and this is what treasurers use. We are proposing not using quick books moving forward since we aren't using the software to its potential. If we have one log in with quick books it would be half the price. They will decide what to do and get back to us.
- Taxes are taken care of from last year so we will not be charged a late fee. Thank you Mr. Stumpff for doing our taxes for us and donating your time.
- We will resume skate parties in 2022-2023 since our spring schedule is so busy.
- Any changes to the 2022-2023 fees are due by March 22nd
PTO fee \$30, yearbook \$15

VI. VP Room Parent Lisa-

- If no one signed up for yearbook pictures the room parents will be in charge of pictures for the yearbook. There are still rooms that don't have coverage. She asked teachers to make sure they are posting pictures on seesaw. The deadline for yearbook is early April.

VIII. Fundraising: (Andrea and Sarah Kolell)

- Events:
 - Spirit meals-Chipolte tonight and Lisa made sure that the money donated came to Morse. We will hear more from Sarah Kolell with updates on profits from these events soon.
 - Daddy/Daughter Update-

- Mother/Son Update-meeting with the committee this coming Thursday. Venmo will be an option to make it easier.
- Trivia Night Update-QR code up and running and website is set up for families
- Carnival Update-they met last night and things are moving in the right direction

IX. President (Brooke)

- PTO Board Elections, April 13th – Kristen K. has been treasurer for 2 years and will roll off after this year, but has agreed to be treasurer 2 if needed. Melissa will also roll off as treasurer 2. Sara Knag will not be coming back as secretary and will be helping with the BSW PTO. Andrea N. will step down if we have a lot of people wanting to join the board. An email will be sent out to families to see who would like to join the board.
- Teambuilding happy hour – possible dates: April 3, 10, 11, 18, 24, 25
- Review Action Item log-BV teacher of the year and Master teachers of the year needs to be on our calendar so we can do something to recognize them. Nominations are in the fall for these. We need to have some dates so we can account for this.
- March 29th Meet the principal Night in the library-**Mrs. Defries will send out a message to invite parents to this event.**
- August 15th Kona Ice is booked for Morse students
- March 22-coffee for staff 9:30-11:30 Coffee Cake KC

X. Secretary (Sara Knag)

- Mascot update-sign up is
- 5 Schools, 1 Family update-5th grade community walk coming up in April, Info sent to Mrs. Clements and Mrs. M
- Post minutes to website

Calendar of Events for 2021-2022:

- School Supply Drop Off/Kona Ice – August 16th - Complete
- Kindergarten Coffee – August 19th 8:30-9:00 OWLs Garden - Complete
- Book Fair – November 8th-12th (online only) - Complete
- Family Supper – November 10th – Cancelled due to Covid restrictions
- Spring 2022 Events – Trivia Night – April 8th, Daddy/Daughter – April 30th, Carnival/Fun Run – May 6th, Mother/Son – May 13th
- Staff Appreciation Week – May 9th-13th
- PTO Membership Meetings – September 14th (PTO 101), December TBD (Food with Folks), February 24th (Speaker), April 13th (Elections)

