

## **Maple Grove PTA Board/General Meeting 10/19/2016**

### **Attendance:**

**Lindsey Fleener - President(LF)**

**Elizabeth Dehm - Vice President(ED)**

**Jessica Johnson - Co Treasurer(JJ)**

**Hillary Mitchek - Co Treasurer(HM)**

**Jessica Tsuo - Secretary(JT)**

The meeting began with a short board meeting before the general meeting. Board members discussed the success of Reading Week. There were high levels of participation, so much so that PTA ran out of water bottles. PTA discussed purchasing more water bottles to be able to gift each student who participated with one. Currently, 4th and 6th grades still need water bottles.

The general meeting included a few members of the general public as well as Mr Stone and Mrs Arnold. To begin, the idea of a ski/bike swap was discussed. There is a committee working on this event and will most likely take place in the spring.

The 2016/17 budget needed to be approved. ED made a motion to approve the budget. JT seconded this motion. A vote was taken and it was unanimous. LF announced that the motion had passed and the 2016/17 budget was approved.

LF discussed the 2 major fundraisers which have already taken place: the Grizzly Growl and Reading Week. Both were successful this year and met/exceeded their fundraising goals. The Growl had an increase in sponsorships this year. The Reading Challenge still has some donations coming in. An idea was presented that perhaps for next year, the postcards could be sent out earlier which everyone thought was a good idea.

PTA discussed Amazon Smile and how to increase its fundraising potential. With the holidays coming up, this would be an easy way to raise money for the school if the parents shop using Amazon.

IS stated that the teacher wish lists requests were due Friday. He would review them and discuss them with PTA at a later date.

IS discussed Math Olympiads. There is no volunteer to run it this year and if it was going to continue then PTA would need to find a new chair. JT agreed to put a notice in the e-blast asking for a volunteer.

Holiday Helpers was discussed. The Student Leadership Council will not be organizing the Thanksgiving food drive this year so the PTA will take this over. Thanksgiving will have a food drive and Christmas will focus on presents/necessary items for families in need. PTA will assist Holiday Helpers in whatever they need to make these efforts a success. IS will find out how many families will be needing help this year.

The school directories were discussed. Katie Wither is almost finished with them and they should be distributed soon.

LF discussed Spirit Wear. PTA has chosen a vendor and is now working on style and color selections. PTA would like to have this process completed in time for the holidays so parents may make Spirit Wear purchases for family members for Christmas gifts.

IS discussed the recent staff dinners from the parent/teacher conferences. Staff enjoyed the dinners that the PTA organized and were thankful to have them.

IS suggested that since the budget had now been passed, that items that have been specifically approved for amounts over \$500 in the budget do not need to be voted on again since they have already been voted on in the budget. The exceptions would be that anything over \$500 would require a new and separate vote if

- 1) It was previously voted on and the amount now exceeds what was previously agreed upon or
- 2) Specific items over \$500 in the contingency fund.

All members of PTA agreed with this.

IS discussed several parts of the budget. The technology fund provides for a 1:1 ratio for grades 3-6. Kindergarten-2nd grade share the technology in groups and 2nd grade uses a Smartboard.

IS discussed the proposed assembly schedule. Everyone was pleased about the assemblies this year. IS took general questions and a lot of time was spent road and bike safety on the streets outside of Maple Grove.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is December 14, 2016 at 6pm.