

## **Maple Grove PTA Board Meeting Minutes - November 4, 2015**

### **Attending:**

**Shannon Garvin(SG) - President**

**Lindsey Fleener(LF) - Co Vice President**

**Emily Melancon(EM) - Co Vice President**

**Cora Rice(CR) - Co Treasurer**

**Mindy Kopser(MK) - Co Treasurer**

**Jessica Tsuo(JT) - Secretary**

**Ian Stone(IS) - Principal**

The meeting started with a review of the Grizzly Growl and the Reading Challenge. The Grizzly Growl produced a net of approximately \$4000. Historically, the Growl nets between \$4000-\$5000. Last year, it netted an unusually high amount. PTA discussed reasons why this year's amount was lower than last years(cost of t-shirts, sponsors). PTA discussed while the amount of \$4000 is lower than last year, if you take an average from the last 3 years then it is still an acceptable amount and not significantly lower than an average from the past few years. The Reading Challenge(so far) has produced a net revenue of approximately \$11,927. Last years Reading Challenge produced a net revenue of \$15,700. So while there are still some donations trickling in, this year's Reading Challenge did not raise as much money as last year. PTA discussed the reasons why this could be. Last year, an outside company ran the Reading Challenge, while this year the PTA contracted it out to a company called PREP. There was much discussion as to what was different between last year and this year to account for the significant difference in net revenues. PTA will increase fundraising efforts in other areas(annual gala) in order to try to make up the difference.

IS spoke about some other parts of the budget and how they will be spent. The teacher's wish list for this semester totalled \$2300(max \$2500 per semester). IS stated that all items on the wishlist were reasonable and were approved. PTA matched Maple Grove \$2537 to purchase new risers for music and choir. This was a needed purchase, especially considering there are 75 students in choir this year. There was \$15,000 slated for the technology fund. Of this, \$4623 was spent on the Dreambox Learning app and the rest will be used to buy Chrome books for grades 3-4. Grade 3 will received a 1:1 ratio while the Chrome books will be shared between the 2 classes. The Chrome books are much cheaper than iPads, therefore more are able to be purchased. Lastly, there was \$140 spent for a conference fee for the GT tutor and \$214 spent for proper recycling bins for the school.

PTA discussed the need for volunteers for upcoming events: the Gala, Drama club, science fair, talent show. PTA still needs volunteers for these events.

Holiday Helpers was discussed. Missy Pugh will be teaming up with Sandi Stevanak this year. SG brought up a email from a woman at Stevens Elementary. Stevens is asking for help as they are a lower income school and need donations of Christmas presents for their students. PTA discussed the possibility of taking on a class at Stevens. IS suggested seeing if Kullerstrand had any need for this kind of program first, since Maple Grove and Kullerstrand have a pre-existing

relationship. PTA decided to defer on a decision regarding Stevens until they knew if Kullerstrand needed anything.

MK discussed the upcoming Kidpower class. Right now, there are only 10 students enrolled and we need 25 to make it financially feasible to put on. The cost is \$32 per student and the PTA subsidizes \$7 per student. Without 25 students in the class, the cost is just too great for the PTA to absorb. If there is not a substantial increase in enrollment in the next couple of days then the Kidpower class will have to be cancelled.