

Maple Grove PTA General 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 general meeting started immediately after the board meeting. The meeting started with a review of the 2 big fundraisers so far this year, the Grizzly Growl and the Reading Challenge. PTA discussed while the amount of \$4000 raised by the Growl 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) also raised less money this year than 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 that Maple Grove often uses, PREP.

IS spoke about some other parts of the budget and how they will be spent. IS stated that all items on the teacher's wish list 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.

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. If there is not a substantial increase in enrollment in the next couple of days then the Kidpower class will have to be cancelled.

The library makeover renovation was discussed. The librarian has requested several items be donated in order to complete the library makerspace. JT agreed to put this request in the weekly e-blast.

Veterans Day ceremony was discussed. JT agreed to put a write-up from IS in the e-blast.

Lastly, IS reminded PTA that tomorrow was going to be a spirit day. Tomorrow would have been Drake Durkee's birthday and he will be honored by having a spirit day wear everyone could wear Broncos colors.