

Maple Grove PTA General Meeting Minutes 10/07/15

Attendance:

Shannon Garvin - President(SG)
Lindsey Fleener - Vice President(LF)
Emily Melancon - Vice President(EM)
Mindy Kopser - Co Treasurer(MK)
Cora Rice - Co Treasurer(CR)
Jessica Tsuo - Secretary(JT)

Ian Stone - Principal(IS)

The second general meeting was attended by all members of the PTA, Ian Stone and 2 members of the general public.

The meeting started with budget updates. As of today, there are no final numbers for the Growl and Reading challenge.

PTA discussed the great sponsors the Growl had this year and how participation greatly increased. Goldie Sellers handed out the ribbons which was fun for the students.

IS spoke about some budget issues. Teacher wish list requests this semester total about \$2000(max per semester is \$2500) and all seem reasonable.

In addition, Jen Baker has put in a request for new risers for music. There are 75 students in choir this year so the need for new risers is greater than ever. The total cost of these risers is \$5300. Maple Grove would match the PTA in purchasing these risers at a cost of \$2650 each. PTA discussed this and decided that it was a good use of funds and would greatly benefit the the many students in music and choir. PTA decided it would be better to have the new risers purchased earlier in the school year in order to benefit from them at the holiday performances. EM motioned to allocate \$2650 to match the Maple Grove funds to purchase the new risers. LF seconded this motion. The motion passed.

SG spoke about the various volunteer opportunities still available. Drama club still needs 1 or 2 parents to head this club. Other activities such as the pumpkin smash, father-daughter dance and a possible mother-son night were also discussed.

So far, there are about 10 people interested in volunteering for the Gala. LF and EM will meet with these volunteers soon to start the discussion about the Gala.

There was some discussion about the courtyard. It is overgrown with weeds and needs to be cleaned up. It was agreed that this could be a good volunteer opportunity for a local boy scout troop to help give back to their community. One member of the public agreed to speak to her son's troop about this.

EM talked about the school garden. The garden received a green house by donation and it will be moved to a more permanent location on Monday.

CR spoke about the STEM lab. The STEM lab is in need of an old bookcase to help complete it. JT agreed to put in a request for one in the eblast to solicit a donation. CR said the next step

with the STEM lab is to encourage the teachers to start to use it with their classes and to incorporate it into the curriculum.

MK spoke about the Kidpower class coming to the school in November. MK spoke about the idea behind the class which is to empower students to become safer in all situations in their life. LF stated that the spirit wear should be shipped out soon. There are still a large number of water bottles that need to be sold.

IS asked for feedback about the schedule from the beginning of school, what worked well and what could be improved upon for next year.

There was also some discussion about a way to honor Drake on his birthday this year. 6th graders will release some balloons into the sky that day. It will also be called a school spirit day, and students will be encouraged to wear Broncos colors.

There was no other business to discuss so meeting was adjourned.