

Golda Meir School

Meeting Minutes of the PTO

November 25, 2019 5:30pm

I. Call to Order, Welcome and Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by April and Becky. Becky, Rachel and Jenner were all in attendance. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

II. Treasurer's Report

We are looking for a parent to volunteer to be PTO treasurer. Currently, the account balance is \$4,546.80.

III. Corresponding Secretary's Report

Jenner gave an update on the number of parents who are signed up to receive the newsletter. She said to date there are about 600 families subscribed. Jenner asked for input on the current formatting of the newsletter.

III. Principal's Report

Mr. Knopp gave the report. The lower campus has been focusing in the PBIS incentive of responsibility. There was an assembly today and rewards were handed out and birthdays were celebrated. On November 26 there is Harvest Fest which another PBIS incentive. Lego Club is every Tuesday. There is also Board Game Club and Chess Club. The basketball season is in full swing. The November attendance was 95.73%. The winter STAR assessment is coming up later in December.

Ms. Aleem reported that the upper campus is focusing on the PBIS incentive of tardiness. There are going to be different games and activities that students will be able to participate in. The noise level is still an issue in the cafeteria. There is an assembly planned to remind the students of school rules and regulations. The girls' basketball game won their league. The middle school attendance is 94.5%. The country western dance was very successful. They raised \$2,500 for the playground redevelopment project.

IV. Parent Coordinator's Report

Liza talked about communications between the school and home. The calendar has been updated weekly. Enrollment for fall 2020 is in full swing. They are currently scoring 6th grade applications. December 18, January 22 and February 17 are the upcoming elementary enrollment information nights. In December there is a teacher information night for 2nd grade teachers with the hopes of bringing awareness to the Golda program and to provide information to those teachers on how to differentiate for the gifted and talented students in their classrooms. Ms. Turner is running a major ad campaign this weekend with NPR. Information about Golda will be going out during this ad campaign. There is an effort to get the word out about Golda's program in different and more effective ways. There was a

discussion about how to get the word out about the PTO meetings. Elections for the PTO chairs will be held in March. There was a suggestion to have the meetings streamed on Facebook Live to encourage remote attendance. One parent suggested having a special topic for each meeting to encourage parent attendance.

V. Committee Reports

Green Team – Ms. Gleason/Ms. Aleem – Ms. Aleem gave an update on the playground redevelopment project. There was a meeting last month with the developers. Currently the green house and the climbing wall are on hold pending additional funding. Ms. Gleason talked about the letters she sent out to area companies requesting funds for the project. She passed out letters for the parents to share. A conceptual plan was shared with the group. Ms. Gleason said that over \$400,000 has been committed so far. She has continued to look into other fundraising ideas. Her students are making different products to sell and those will be available before the holidays. Ms. Gleason has already found grants specifically for a greenhouse and she will work on applying for those. Money will continue to be raised in to the second semester. Construction will begin in May 2020 and the grand opening will be in October 2020. The playground will be closed during the first few months of school. Ms. Aleem said that the staff raised \$3,005 through the combined giving campaign. There is a big focus on contacting businesses in the MLK bid district but parents are encouraged to contact businesses in other places too.

Second PTO Fundraiser – Mr. McHale came up with an idea to have a tailgating fundraiser in the parking lot during the Buck's Game. He estimated that the profit would be between \$3,000 and \$5,000 total. This is an idea that still needs to be approved. More fundraising ideas can be discussed in January. There was a discussion about the ability to have more than 2 fundraisers.

Family Fun Night will be at the end of March. A date will be set soon.

VI. Ongoing Business

None

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Fund Requests

Ms. Bailey requested \$330 for the Schlitz Audubon to come and present the raptor program. They will bring owls to the school. The activity date is TBD. Request approved.

Next Meeting

January 27 at 5:30pm

Adjourned at 6:32pm