

**Moran PTAC
Library Media Center
James H. Moran Middle School
Wednesday, November 18, 2015**

AGENDA

Present: Kerri Funaro, Anne Mueller, J. Piacentini, Donna Dysinger, Tina Crispens, Eileen Macri, Karen Durr, Pauline Yoder, Shannon Sorvillo, Paula Kennedy, Corri Izzo, Melanie Rossacci, Candace Hoyas, Adel Koepler, Scott Mowerson, Carol Renna, Betsy Stellato

Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.

Old Business

PTO

A. Fundraising Ideas

1. Scrips-waiting on numbers
2. Pies-about the same number sold as last year, delivery this Friday
3. DD spoke about fundraiser at McDonald's where teachers work behind the counter. Teachers hand out stickers. If students bring in the sticker the next day they get a free ice cream. May not be great for middle schoolers.
4. JP spoke about the Entertainment app. He will look into this further.

B. Grade 8 events

1. Reward field trip survey-Moran kids chose Six Flags. Do not yet know what DAG students chose.
2. Boston-spring trip for 8th grade
3. 6th Quassy and Mystic
4. 7th MOMATH and Lake Compounce
5. Spoke about the possibility of Scott Driscoll speaking to students on internet safety. PY will make contact with presenter.

C. Budget Update

D. Staffing Update-

8th Grade Special Education-presently interviewing for 8th grade special education teacher

- E. 8th Grade Dance-June 10th
 - 1. Parent Committee? CD & CI
 - 2. Teacher Liaison? KF
- F. Student Needs Fund-JP would like PTO to consider donating approximately \$500 to this fund. PTO immediately voted to donate ½ of clothing bins profit to this fund which will amount to \$600/year going into this fund. Also discussed whether we can add a line item to field trip forms asking if family would like to round up price of trip so extra money could be put toward students who cannot afford the trip.

Strategic Plan Update

- G. Community Outreach-Parents welcome to observe classes
- H. Curriculum and Instruction - Updates
 - 1. Science-standards were recently approved. (NGSS) incorporates more engineering. There will be more curriculum changes in science based on these new standards.
 - 2. Language Arts-Letter sent home to parents stating which novels they will be working on. 6th grade letter did not state any specific books....just the type of unit they would be working on.
- I. District Climate
- J. Facilities-Fishbowl room in library will be used for Capstone project classroom. Office Depot will be donating money to be used for Makerspace. Students put together a list of what they would like to see in the space such as legos, a 3D printer, interactive whiteboard, etc. Materials should be delivered prior to Thanksgiving. This is open to Capstone students right now, but will be for everyone next year. Computers will be moved to 6th grade classroom.
- K. Technology

System-wide PTAC update-Updated bus camera project. Presently testing routes that would need cameras. Two bus routes have been found to need the cameras so far.

School Photographer project-Would like school level PTACS to decide what they would like included in the photo contract. They need a decision by April so town can choose a vendor.

Moran wants no fee for retakes and lowest cost to parents. SM will share this with system wide PTAC.

Healthy food certification-close but need to get a little closer to get an extra 5 cents per meal.

CREC has info on how to make your school more welcoming. What are a parent's first impressions. They charge a fee of approximately \$400 to make suggestions. Wallingford will try to implement changes on their own.

Website redesign. Looked at 4 or 5 websites. Voted on 2 sites. These will go to the board of education meeting for a decision.

Parent night at elementary student on November 30th at 6:00.

Long discussion about MoMath bus trip. 4.5 hours one way. Nothing to eat inside the museum. It is a very small museum. DAG will still going.

New Business

Other

Adjournment

Future Meeting Dates: 1/21, 3/17, 5/19