



PTO Meeting October 24, 2023

Principal's Report:

- Halloween Dance is being put on by the Peer Counselors group. November 1st from 6-7:30pm for 7th and 8th grade and the following day, November 2nd, from 3:30-5pm for 5th and 6th grade. Entry is \$3, but if wearing a costume then entry is only \$1. Food and drinks will be available to purchase.
- Student Advisory meetings started last week. Teachers identified students to have be in the group who will be vocal and speak up. Students asked for some teachers to be present and to do weekly meetings. This is voluntary and students are not required, so curious to see how many do come back for the next meeting.
- eSports Room – This will be a new elective with the goal for it to be available starting in January. MJHS will be one of the only middle schools in the state with this program. It is in coordination with Butler University. The plan is also to have a club portion that will be at a competition level with other schools via online. eSports will also give training on computer/internet safety.

Treasurer's Report: \$5,206.13

This is before three checks from the different fundraisers.

President's Report:

- Fundraisers
 - The spirit wear store went well. We had 111 items purchased, received a check for \$308.11. We had a few parents and teachers suggest having an inventory to be able to sell shirts at events. Items not picked up at Maker's Night are at the front desk to be picked up during the school day.
 - Popcorn plus other goodies didn't go as well as anticipated. We felt kids not having a form to collect orders was a big factor. We did \$4,168 in sales with a check to us for \$2,166.50.
 - We need to get breakdown of 8th graders who participated to give their proceeds to Mr. Bell.
 - McDonald's Bear Bash night – we received a check for \$396.18.
 - Planning to have our next Bear Bash night at Dairy Queen on the hilltop. We would also like a few students to take shifts and be present to help clear tables and other items.
 - Fundraisers – We discussed potentially coming up with a few ideas for our large fundraiser and sending it out in a parent survey. The other suggestion was to have during the day events around lunch time. The students could purchase fun items from different food trucks with a portion of the proceeds coming back to the school and/or PTO.

- Grandparents' day – as the 5th grade is now in the middle school we discussed if this could become a school wide event that can also showcase our school to grandparents. If so, the afternoon would be a better time to avoid the morning drop off procedure.
- Maker's Night was October 19th from 5-7pm.
 - We have not received full details of how the night went. The silent auction brought in a little over \$1,900.
 - Choir, band, and theater performances occurred.
 - Most items were on display in the hallway by the cafeteria. There was not as much throughout the hallways.
 - Food truck vendors will be Troublemakers, Sonny's Concessions, Kona Ice and DonutNV. We still need to touch base and see about the food trucks giving a percentage back to the PTO.
 - We had a hot chocolate and apple cider bar in the cafeteria. We made \$221 from this event.
- Teacher Appreciation in the winter.
 - We discussed providing the teachers with a winter teacher appreciation day just before Christmas break. The plan is to provide a catered lunch with an extended lunch for teachers. If the high school theater schedule allows, we will transport the middle schoolers to the high school to watch a movie. Our goal is to have a small variety of concessions available to the students during the movie.

*Next PTO Meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 5:30pm at MJHS.