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## PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 4th, 2009

Meeting called to order by Romanna @1800

Welcome- Romanna

### Approval of Minutes

- Motion made and seconded for October 7th General Meeting Minutes

### President's Report

### Treasurer's Report

- Budget status
  - Current bank balance of \$6,249.29, with anticipated expenses over next part of year at approximately another \$6,000.
- Fund Requests
  - Mrs. Sommerset submitted request in the amount of \$170 for transportation costs. Three classes going to theater production at MHCC. Motion made, seconded and approved with 11 yes' and 1 no.
  - T-shirt funding request for student council, \$112. Motion made, seconded, and approved unanimously

### Principal's Report

- "Backwards Planning", district driven. Planning for 5 years out and working backward. Tina will be hosting a variety of parent meetings to generate input. First meeting will be held Nov. 18th from 0845-0945.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences Nov. 24-25.
- No school Nov. 11th for Veteran's Day
- Sustainable Schools handout was issued. Long range planning.

### Committee Reports

- Fundraising
  - Box Tops: Ongoing. Check coming in the amount of \$240. The year runs from Oct-Oct.

- Scrip: Plan is for 2 phases. First phase is for teacher only participation. Money made will go directly into the specific teacher's classroom fund. Roll-out is set for Nov. 15th. If this program is successful, the plan is then for teacher/student/parent participation. Further discussion will need to occur to figure out how to divide up the funds between classrooms.
- Original Works: PTA is able to keep 1/3 of the total amount generated. Approximately \$400 will come back to the school this year.
- Bridger T-Shirts: Deadline to submit orders is Nov. 6th
- PIZZACATO: On Tuesday, Nov. 17th, Pizzacato (60th and Division) will be donating 20% of total sales to Bridger School. Memos/Fliers on specifics to follow.
- 123 Auction: Committee meeting weekly on Tuesday mornings at the school. Classrooms are participating by making themed baskets, Classroom Representatives have been asked to help coordinate. Frequent updates/info will be going out via list serv. More information to be found on the Bridger Web site.
- Volunteer
  - PTA Care Day, November 21st 0900-1300
  - Chess Club, Tuesdays and Thursday from 1510-1610, volunteers needed.
  - Glass Art Workshop. Mrs. Polizo leading, to be held Dec., 1st from 1800-2000. She is looking for volunteers prior to the event for prepping materials.
- Student Council
  - President, Cory, and VP, Danny were introduced and presented topic of student concern over no lockers. Students are carrying approx. 10lbs of wt. in their backpacks daily. There is no good place for the students to keep them in the classrooms, and kids are needing to replacement backpacks due to the heavy wt. breaking them down. A survey was developed, administered, and complied of students in favor of getting lockers in the school. The survey results were submitted to the PTA as the Student Council is looking to the PTA for direction. A "locker" committee was suggested to help the council develop a proposal to be submitted for further action.

### **Old Business**

- Walk + Bike to School Wrap-up: Month long challenge ended. 60 kids started with program. 20 students participated daily. Students given t-shirts and water bottles. The 20 consistent participants will be entered in a drawing to win one of two bike helmets.
- Fall Festival Wrap-up: Held Oct. 29th with 225 people in attendance. Super Job, Kat!

### **New Business**

- Grandparent's Day
  - Nov. 20th from 1400-1500. Day for grandparents and special friends to visit students' classrooms
- Book Fair
  - November 19-25, see fliers for shopping hours
- Metro Arts and after school programs
  - Brochures issued with website info.. If there is enough interest, then look into next steps of having classes held at the school.

- District Parent Advisory Council
  - Maria Luna is the school rep.. They meet once a month, gather information that has been given by the district, to them disseminate to parents at individual schools.
- Parent/Adult Education Workshops
  - School counselor looking to partner with PTA to hold workshops. No cost to families who attend.

### **Adjournment**

- Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 1930. Next meeting, December, 2nd at 1800.

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