



PTO Meeting

November 17, 2015

6:30PM, Media Center

Welcome

Introductions *In attendance: Kasey Miller (Secretary), Krystal Culliton (President), Deziree Klema (Treasurer), Sandy Lindberg (Volunteer Coordinator), Beth Ness (Principal), Amanda Sanvik, Amy Alexander, Sue Kapsner, Wade Krzmarzick, Sarah Sticha, Emily Tschimperle, Carrie Hallstrom, Amy Wasgatt, Deb Longenecker, Vicky Entinger*

Principal's Report *"Mrs. Ness' Notes" is available on the Elm Creek webpage (Click PARENTS > PTO > MEETING MINUTES AND MRS. NESS' NOTES)*

Updates

Apex *\$49,000 pledged, 91% return, \$23,201.30 paid to Elm Creek PTO. Overall positive feedback from staff and families. Ms. Ness is waiting on approval from leadership team to rebook for 2016.*

Spirit Wear *Sticky shirt issue resolved. Families reimbursed for lanyards after miscommunication that students are not allowed to wear them in school.*

Mascot *Ordered, will work with the Maple Grove Fire Department to take a picture with mascot when it arrives and thank them publicly for their donation to help purchase mascot in the Osseo/Maple Grove Press.*

Distribution of Scholastic Dollars *Accrued Scholastic dolls spent on \$500 for each grade for classroom leveled reading libraries, \$2,000 to Media Center.*

2013-2014 Fun Run Money (P.E.) *Deadline to spend \$1,708 from 2013 is 12/30/15 or PTO will purchase 2 new basketball hoops for the gymnasium per parent requests. Wade K. will look into details on ordering and mounting, will present proposal at January PTO meeting.*

Spending Phase 1

PTO Sponsored Field Trips *\$400 per classroom to be used for the 2014-2015 school year. Teacher to receive information 11/18/2015.*

Leveled Reading Library *\$10,000 to complete leveled reading library in Media Center. Ms. Ness will check to see if 5th grade wants this or if they prefer books on student iPads.*

Improvements to Wednesday Envelope system *Reusable bins*

PTO Stamps – Branding the PTO *PTO plans to better brand items contributed to EC so families know what fundraising efforts go to.*

Treasurer Updates

Budget Review *2015-2016 & 2016-2017 budget secured.*

Phase 2 Spending Ideas

Teacher Requests *\$91 for 1st grade reading incentives approved, \$630/year for Volunteer Coordinator approved.*

Parent Requests *Request for more money for 5th grade end-of-year celebration, no figure, Amy W. and Carrie H. will come back with proposal in January. Request for iPads for all classrooms, Amy A. will work with Beth and the district on phasing iPads into Elm Creek. Request for new basketball hoops, see above.*

Upcoming Events

Turkey Bingo (11/20) *Ready to go, still a few volunteer positions needed, contact Sandy Lindberg to sign up.*

Barnes & Noble Book Fair (11/28) *Ready to go.*

Holiday Gift Shop (12/15, 12/17)

Request for crafts *Will go home in this week's Wednesday envelope. \$.25-\$1 craft donations needed.*

Looking Ahead

No December Meeting

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 19 at 6:30PM in the Media Center

Thank you for coming to this meeting and helping to provide support to Elm Creek! We are so **THANKFUL** for **YOU!**

Please reach out with any questions:

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