

Maple Valley Elementary
PTO Minutes
Monday, September 10, 2018
Fuller Street Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Kim Wilkes- President

Jennifer Burpee- Vice President

Holly Carpenter- Treasurer

Brittany Olson- Secretary

Members Present: On attached page

Call to Order: Kim at 5:05pm

Mission Statement: Involving parents supporting teachers for students success

Feedback: Mr. Powers has asked for \$200 now for the 4th grade October trip to the capital and \$200 later in the year, assuming we give a repeat donation of \$400 to each grade. \$200 for now for 4th grade was approved. The \$200 for later is pending budget and will be re-reviewed as the timeframe for the event approaches.

Cindy asked how parents felt about the affordability of the field trip costs and sponsoring of other kids who can't afford to go. Parent attendees indicated costs are reasonable for them but do understand that they may not be for all. Cindy will write a note on the field trip form encouraging parents to donate over their child's cost for those students.

Principal's Report (Cindy Trebian): Cindy needs a volunteer at Maplewood's library to scan and shelve books that are returned on roughly a biweekly basis. It could be a high school student.

Cindy will check on the possibility of sending out our MVE PTO Google calendar to the teachers and students/parents for easy access to our events and newsletters. A tech information night was suggested to teach parents how to take advantage of Powerschool and the Dojo.

Cindy said there was a mostly positive response to the new format of kindergarten/young 5s orientation. Opening up the playground for parents that come early or stay late for other children was discussed as a possible option for next year.

Financial Report (Holly Carpenter): Holly has a starting balance for this year of \$2930.09. There is a new fund request process and new forms to be sent to the secretaries and distributed to the schools.

Homecoming: Testing falls on the week of homecoming, so dress up days will be limited to Friday the 21st with Blue/White Day. Cindy will send out a letter to the parents about why we won't have dress up days this year on the back of the Box Top note. It was suggested that in the future we could do non-distracting dress up days (ie. Wear words, wear numbers, crazy socks)

There will be a pep assembly Friday. It will be 45 minutes to an hour long with Fuller's in the morning and Maplewood's in the afternoon.

Holly said she will contact Landon about the parade paperwork. Brittany got a quote from Courtside for a 6x2 ft color banner for \$72. Cost was approved.

Box Tops: Same as last year.

Popcorn Days: Like last year, they will be on early release days with a goal to be finished at 10:30. There will be no popcorn days Nov-Jan.

Fun Run: Information for the Fun Run will go out on September 28. This year, it will take place from October 22-26.

Conference Meals: PTO will provide two conference meals this year. One per semester on the busier night.

Book Fair: Cindy said more volunteers are needed. Jenna Burns will be coordinating it for Fuller, but we need someone to take the lead at Maplewood.

Movie Nights: PTO goal is to have three movie nights this year. December and February's will be at Fuller and January's will be at Maplewood. For December's activities, we're planning to have crafts and pictures with Santa. Parent attendee suggested we have "make it & take it" activities like cookie decorating, ornaments, reindeer food, etc. We will have a bounce house at Maplewood's movie night in January.

ROAR Tickets: No change for Maplewood ROAR- \$30 a month. This sparked additional conversation of a teacher PTO donation similar to last year. PTO will donate gift cards to Walmart for the teachers. Maplewood teachers will receive a one time per teacher \$30 gift card in addition to the monthly Maplewood ROAR donation. Fuller teachers will receive a one time per teacher \$40 gift card. Fuller teachers may use these to support ROAR ticket prizes, but not required.

Holiday Shoppe: We will be using the UPC scanner again this year. It costs about \$100. We will be having the poster contest again. We decided against doing a preview night. It would be too much to try to fit in at Christmas Around the World and feel it would slightly spoil the fun for the kids to pick out gifts on their own. Checks must be made out to "MVE PTO". Last year, we had to ask some parents to bring in a different check because it was made out incorrectly.

Field Day: Due to testing, we won't be able to move it up any earlier in May, but we are going to try to spread out the dates, so it won't be two days in a row this year.

Moo-Valley Night (New Event): On Thursday, September 27, Mooville will be hosting a fundraiser for us! We don't have to do anything at that event, but 10% of all their sales that evening will go to the PTO. We had to advertise it in 5 different ways which ended up being on the marquees at the schools, robo call, MV News, a flyer, and our Facebook page. Kim will provide Cindy or Michelle with the robo call script. This event may happen again in the spring.

PTS Lunch & Learns (New Program): On PTO meeting days, a member of the board will meet with a group of about 12-14 students (1 student from each 5th/6th grade homeroom group). The group of kids will meet us in the cafeteria for pizza and get their feedback on events we have and what they would like to see. Cindy will inform them ahead of time what things we may talk about so they can ask classmates their opinions to bring to the meeting.

Coins for Kids (New Program): This would be a contest with water jugs in the cafeteria for which grade could fill their jug the most with a prize or pizza party for the winners. Right now, it's just an idea to be discussed further in future meetings.

Closing Questions/Comments: No questions/comments.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday, October 8 at 5pm in the Fuller Street conference room

This year's meetings will coincide with the Board of Education meeting dates.

Adjourned: Kim at 6:15pm

Respectfully submitted by secretary, Brittany Olson