

Mississippi Heights PTAC – Meeting Notes September 17, 2013

1. Welcome – Introductions
2. Secretaries Report
 - Minutes posted at: <http://www.isd47.org/schools/mississippi-heights-elementary/parents/parent-teacher-advisory-council/>
3. Voting in Officers
 - Co-chairs – Raishel Schmitz & Kristen Fuchs
 - Treasurer – Ryan Butkowski
 - Secretary – Annie Newville
 - MHES Principal – Sue Paasch
4. Focus for 2013/2014 school year
 - Same as past years with a push for technology
5. Treasurer's Report
 - Need to pay for Active Board PTAC approved, \$3537
 - Need to pay printer for PTAC materials, approx \$150
 - Food for Ice Cream Social needs to be purchased
6. Principal's Report
 - Currently around 860 students (32 classes) enrolled at MHES
 - Hired 4 new teachers
 - Waiting for feedback from Dr. Bittman regarding technology vision for grades 3-5. Will ask Dr. Bittman to attend Oct 8 mtg.
 - Website is being redone, will make PTAC info easier to find
 - AR reading program has been eliminated district wide; the price quadrupled and the results were not great. Still have WIN program
 - MTN transportation problems should be resolved by the end of the week
 - Mrs. Paasch going to each classroom to read "One" which is a book about bullying to help understand what bullying is and explain how watching it happen is a problem too.
 - MHES was approved to hire another para for lunch and recess so now there will be 3 paras total.
 - Fundraiser overlap with Middle School has already been discussed
 - Vote on Facebook for MHES Target gives back, School gets \$1 per vote
 - MHES chosen by Wal-Mart and they will provide balloons, cake and gift cards to our teachers.
7. Events & Meetings
 - Meeting dates all at 6:15
 - Oct 8th, Nov 19th, Dec 17th, Jan 7, Feb 4th, March 11th, April 15th, May 13th
 - Fundraiser
 - Students are excited about penguins and classroom prizes
 - Money Due Wednesday Oct 2
 - Orders due to GA Oct 11th (Kristen, Raishel, Ryan & Annie will meet at MHES to count money on the 11th)
 - Product delivery Wednesday Oct 30th from 2-6pm.

- Ice Cream Social September 26th 6:00 – 8:30
 - Will need volunteers to cover shifts between 5:30-8:30 (Raishel will send out email)
 - Staff will be available to cover gym
 - Three stations will be... pizza, soda, chips & cookies , and ice cream
 - Schwan's contacted Ryan and will be ice cream vendor
 - Dominos will be the pizza vendor
 - Chips, cookies, and soda will be purchased at Sam's
 - Need 3 cash boxes, PTAC only has one, MHES can loan 2

- Coat drive to be discussed at Oct meeting ???

8. Budgets & Requests

- 1 active board, already approved, \$3,537
- Active board maintenance, \$2,000
- 3 classrooms need sound field systems, \$1127 each so \$3381 total
- Teachers need new books, K-2 in classroom 3-5 in bookroom, requesting \$2800
- Fieldtrips, \$5 per student, \$4,300
- Ice Cream Social
- Request are tabled until after fundraiser to determine priority and where funds will be allocated

9. Next meeting

October 8th at 6:15 in Media Center