

MHES PTAC Meeting Notes - October 16, 2015

- Welcome - Introductions
 - President - Ryan Butkowski
 - Vice-President - Matt Buhs
 - Treasurer - Kristen Fuchs
 - Secretary - Amy Claude

- Secretaries Report
 - Minutes Posted <http://www.isd47.org/mhes/about/ptac>

- Principals Report
 - Total Headcount
 - 940 students
 - Up 60-70 kids from last year
 - 5th grade Ipad initiative
 - Going very well
 - Most students take them home daily
 - Teachers are using them in amazing ways
 - Having a meeting next week to talk about phase 3
 - Pre K - 4th Grade one to one
 - Not sure of the logistics
 - Playground additions
 - Very successful
 - Helps spread the kids out at recess
 - Still working on more additions for the playground
 - Recess is now fully staffed with 3 supervisors
 - 150 students at Targeted services
 - Have different focuses for the students
 - Seasons
 - Legos
 - Weather
 - 2 days a week / 1.5 hours per day
 - Coat drive
 - Went well
 - All coats went first night of conferences

- Treasurer's Report
 - Fundraiser up from last year
 - Paid many bills
 - Active Boards
 - Chinese Emersion
 - All items bought will be stored at HS storage shed for future use per Dan Bittman
 - Time magazine for kids - 4th Grade request
 - Project Library Refresh
 - Awaiting formal request
 - Mrs. Vandell working on the request
 - Ryan will get money once we get the request
 - Last year kids were really excited about fresh books
 - Sue is planning on refreshing the Bookroom
 - PTA will talk and vote on Bookroom - tabled for now
 - Put 8k into Project Library Refresh Last year

- Budget and Requests

- Mrs. Genereux requests \$ for Scholastic News and lower level books for the Kindergarteners
 - ½ wants Scholastic and ½ wants books
 - Online Scholastic is phenomenal
 - Only need to purchase 32 subscriptions
 - All would have access
 - \$5.25 x 32 = \$168
 - Color books to send home with students
 - Each class would like 75
 - \$7 x75 = \$575
 - Request Approved by PTAC
 - Mrs Genereux will order books
 - Put receipt in Ryans box
 - PTAC will pay the invoice
- Mrs. Woolsey says “Thank You PTAC for new Active Board” – You’re very welcome Mrs. Woolsey!!

➤ Upcoming Events

- Fall Fundraiser – went well, ran out of Minions (gave out over 2000)
 - Pick up November 16
 - 2:10-6pm / broken down by teacher
 - Using Path Ambassadors to help set up pickup at 1pm
 - Will use all 33 if possible
 - Sue will try to get us room in the gym for event
- Thanksgiving Break
 - Only 2 days off this year for the break, usually have 3
- Adopt a family
 - Last year had 44 families
 - Tara will send out email blast this week
 - Adding favorite characters/colors to help personalize gifts for families
 - Local businesses also participated last year
 - Old Capital Tavern adopted a family of 10!!
 - **THANK YOU OLD CAPITAL!!**
- 12/10/15 Winter Concerts
 - 1st, 3rd and 5th grades
 - Other grades will have concerts in the spring
- Veterans Day program
 - Wednesday, November 11
 - Mrs. Zeilenga is working with the VFW to organize the event
 - Will be sending something home soon

➤ Deep Portage

- Parent Leadership meeting this Wednesday
- 5th and 6th grade will be going this year
 - Grade 5 – 2 nights/3 days
 - Grade 6 – 1 night/2 days
 - Next year just 5th grade going
- 5th Grade letter given out at conferences explaining Deep Portage and costs
 - Received very well
 - No negativity seen
- PTAC will help with funding during the transition period
- Teachers not required to go
- Will try to make decisions by Jan/Feb on volunteers
 - Set up a meet and great for parents and chaperones

- Still need to send out Payment letter
 - Explaining Rev Track and how it works
- Next Meeting: November 16 at 6:15 in Media Center