

PTAC Meeting Notes

October 23rd 2018

1. Attendance: Adan, Katie, Matthew, Ryan, Megan, Stevie, Lizzie
2. Meeting notes
 - a. Megan Foley will review how the meeting notes are being posted. Currently, approval is required to view the meeting notes.
3. Principals Report
 - a. MHES has 1025 kids enrolled
 - b. Conferences went well, high attendance
 - i. Food was a hit
 - ii. There were a handful of teachers that did not get food. Megan is going to find out what teachers did not receive food and will share that with the PTAC president and vice president
 - iii. The new sign up processes through Skyward had mix reviews
 - c. Veterans Day Program (11/9 @ 1:10pm) will be ran by kids
 - d. APEX (10/29)
 - i. Apex will be spending approximately 15minutes in the classrooms working on character building
 - ii. There is a need for volunteers, approximately 10 volunteers per grade.
 - iii. Planning will take place with Nate, Megan, and Tanya

- e. Field Trip
 - i. Kindergarten went to the Hemker Zoo- This was moved from spring to fall. Teachers seemed to like it better, the weather, more animals
 - ii. 4th grade went to the play Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing. Next week they will be attending leadership at the high school
- f. Targeted Service (applied for district wide, including high school)
 - i. Kid stop fee has been reduced
 - ii. K-2 Tuesdays
 - iii. 3- 5 Thursdays
- g. Cabin Fever
 - i. Going to be scheduled on the eve of a late start
 - ii. January has been a success for this event
- h. Testing
 - i. FAST was done with 4-5 grade
 - ii. January is when testing will take place again
 - iii. K-1 takes test with an adult

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. Fall Fundraising - With the APEX fall fundraiser, looking for honest feedback (staff, community). This will be important in determining if this fundraiser will be used again next year.
- b. Spring Fundraising – need to start planning. This will be an ongoing topic on the agenda
 - i. Ideas – Matching donations, replica of the Holiday Store

5. Budget & Request

- a. "Big Idea" project

- i. Order was placed with Tanya and approved so this item has been removed from the Big Idea budget
- ii. Basketball hoops have been delayed
- iii. Music teacher is working with the High School to get cabinets built. These cabinets will be used to store the ukulele
- iv. What's next? What do we need to do differently to encourage staff to submit requests?
- v. Outdoor Classroom
 - 1. There is a delay in the concrete process. Looking at identifying alternative options. Possibly pushing this project into spring

b. Winter Gear request

- i. Additional information will be reviewed to determine the best course of action to take. Ryan and Tara will work together to collect this information. This will be an ongoing topic on the agenda.

- c. A suggestion was made to support K rooms having sensory chairs. This will be an ongoing topic on the agenda

6. Open Forum

a. Deep Portage (5th grade, about 170)

*Supporting this effort is Megan and the Deep Portage team

- i. T-shirts – what steps can we take to ensure all kids receive a t-shirt this year
- ii. Works are in progress to identify a different bussing option to reduce expense.
- iii. Grants will be provided

- b. Floor in the lunch room has been well received. The noise has been reduced, a divider is put up to separate the hallway traffic from the lunchroom, staff find it more comfortable.
- c. 2 requests from MHES students to add to the food services. It was suggested to have these students write a proposal and present it to the school board.
 - i. Hot dish Tuesdays
 - ii. Mandarin oranges to be served more frequently
- d. Elementary sports – there are challenges with providing after school activities for elementary students, how to get them home. Community Ed is an avenue that can fill this gap. Continue to send suggesting to Community Ed.