



Myrtle H. Stevens School PTO

Candice Pineros President

Ben Casparino Vice President

Jay Brennan Treasurer

Christina Halle Secretary

Candace Rinaldi Membership

Carolyn Dobmeier Teacher Representative

PTO Meeting – AGENDA

September 22, 2020

I. Welcome and Introductions

a. Wendy Durand, Candice Pineros, Jay Brennan, Ben Casparino, Christina Halle, Amy Pereau, Gina Brennan, Kimberly Mercado-Hernandez, Jessica Lutter, Angela Bertrand, Carolyn Dobmeier, Kariann, Milagros Colan, Shelley Fisher, Meghan Cancelliere, Jessica Baich, David Birdsall, Lisa Soares, Lauren Drapeau

II. Old Business

- a. Welcome gifts to all staff, including Panera gift cards in lieu of luncheon.
- b. First day of school welcome balloons.
- c. Clear masks for teachers- able to purchase some for teacher, especially in younger grades.

- d. "Feel better buddies" for nurse's office- donated a big box to nurse's office to use in place of a hug when kids don't feel well.
- e. Restaurant night, Taco Tuesday - approx \$280 raised. The manager assured that the next event will be better staffed as it was a little chaotic. This will be an on-going thing. PTO would like to support local RH businesses.
- f. Amazon Smile - \$44.22 donation. Parents are able to select Myrtle Stevens as a charity of choice. Amazon will donate a percentage of the profit to the school. www.amazonsmile.com
- g. Arrival and distribution of 2019/2020 yearbooks- all yearbooks have now been distributed.

III. New Business

- a. 2020-2021 Fundraising Goals- the main focus is where and how we can hold fundraisers. Looking to do virtual options and restaurant nights.
- b. New Membership - currently have 26. Raffle to be held in November. Sign up fee increases to \$10 Oct 1st.
- c. Fall Fundraiser- Cherrydale. Hybrid sale, includes brochures and online ordering. Brochures to go home with in school kids, will set up a date for distance learning families to pick up.
- d. Scholastic Virtual Book Fair- date TBD. This will occur at some point this fall.
- e. Holiday gift shop - online ordering. Candice Pineros will look in to how this will work and look to see if there is a virtual option
- f. Halloween- if anyone is interested in volunteering to figure out a virtual event please email mhstevenspto@gmail.com
- g. Restaurant nights- if anyone is interested in chairing restaurant nights or a few people to help set up restaurant nights please email mhstevenspto@gmail.com

- i. Next Taco Tuesday event at On The Border will occur on Tuesday October 13th.
- h. New Events/Fundraiser ideas-Discussed idea of virtual field trips, read-athon, virtual scavenger hunt, art contest...
- i. Spiritwear- up in the air at this point. PTO will look at local companies who have helped us in the past to see our options
- j. BIGY, Amazon Smile, Stop and Shop, & Box Tops- We will be working to create flyers and graphics for parents to know what is available to sign up for and utilize to help support our school.
- k. We will be using the PTO Facebook page, school messenger email, and the district website to communicate information.

IV. Treasurer's Report- All fundraisers will be critical at this point to continue our revenue in order to continue to facilitate support. Reviewed our current financial status. Updates will be given at the next meeting

V. Principal's Report- Mrs. Durand reported that at this time there are 235 in person students and 122 remote students. The goal at this point is to focus on fundamentals of reading, writing and math. Support staff are being utilized to cover in those areas. She noted that the biggest challenge will be covering for staff absences when they occur. The school is trying to maintain as much normalcy as possible. In addition, staff are looking for creative things to do on the playground. School pictures have been cancelled at this time.

VI. Next PTO Zoom Meeting – Tuesday, October 20, 2020 6:00 pm