

PTO General Meeting Minutes 4.14.15

In Attendance - Curt Frueh, Andrew Lightsey, Diane Quinn, Jill Goodrich, Jodie Lowe, Maggie Barker, Heathir Speet, Kellie Clow, Jennifer Moore, Carter Herndon

Mr. Andrew - staff meeting tomorrow is cancelled. Spring Picnic April 21st, SLT is this Friday Apr 17th, April 24th is peace and gardening day, Moving up is Tues April 28th, April 30th is beginner's day, and report cards are April 30th

Ms. Kellie - we had a TA meeting yesterday, a big topic was professional development for next year with Ms. Melinda. A few ideas for development that we came up with were - a lending library, reading and discussing Montessori articles, and polling assistants to get in the field ideas of things that would help us. Right now TAs don't have professional development support from PTO but it would be nice if that's a possibility. The best way to get funding would be to put together a document request and submit to PTO for budgeting for next year.

Ms. Diane - At our last meeting we discussed how we appreciate the support that we get from Ms. Rishoba and administration to help support individual children. We finished all of our testing, it went peacefully and smoothly thanks to Debbie Webber. Ms. Diane purchased some new materials with the PTO funding that the children are enjoying.

Mr. Curt - We have 28 instructional days until testing begins again

Jodie - is there a testing calendar we can share? Ms Debbie will have that information, Heathir will reach out to ask her.

Mr. Curt is looking into a 3D printer as something to purchase for his classroom. If anyone knows anything about them or has experience please let him know.

Heathir - we are seeking teachers and staff to join our executive board and committees. An e-bulletin will go out with this information, we would love to have any teachers or staff volunteer, please let your colleagues know. International Spring Picnic is coming, we will remind people of parking issues, especially with the afternoon upper el performance. The picnic will have a DJ, the exhibitors (there are 12) will be in the baseball field. We have passports with flag stamps for the children. On the blacktop is where the food will be set up - we will have a hot dog vendor, possibly chick fil a, and popsicles. We have no volunteers to help for the event so we will push that out in the e-bulletin tomorrow. Jill has passed the volunteer and event information out to Sedgfield Middle - maybe alumni would come to help. Jill also has a contact from MP High so we could have high school volunteers. We moved the event from Thurs to Tues because Ms. Priti will be out of town on Thurs.

Upcoming events - we need to clarify some dates. We're not sure about field day and volunteer breakfast dates. Heathir will reach out to Coach Strait and Ms. Kathy to confirm.

May 4th-8th is teacher appreciation week, we have some fun things planned.

For gardening day on the 24th, does Ms. Charlotte need help? She likely does due to her limited schedule. Heathir will reach out to her to find out what her needs are for that day. But it may be that each teacher is organizing their own gardening.

For earth day celebration we have reached out to media in the past. Mr. Curt confirmed that other schools are also participating. Heathir wants to use social media to invite media and CMS administrators/board. Does anyone have ideas on this front? Ms Maggie - this is the first year that all the Montessori schools are celebrating earth day on their campuses - hopefully in the coming years more and more CMS schools will participate as well.

The last day of school is June 11.

Montessori Marathon - is there any feedback? Ms. Diane - it completely worked for my class, it was seamless and fun. Mr. Andrew loved it as a first time participant. We are still receiving donations so not sure if we've reached our goal, we will announce funds raised in the e-bulletin in a few weeks. The length of running was shorter (about 12 mins) which helped keep their energy up.

The lower el moving up night on April 28th is for parents of Kindergartners moving into lower el.

Publix is coming to southend and will come to the picnic with key cards that we can link to our school. They give a lot to schools and their program is very supportive. The general manager is very supportive as well. Ms. Diane - we could give them a list of our upcoming needs and see what they are able to help with.