

Mosby Woods PTA

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 16, 2018

Welcome and Call to Order: Meeting started promptly at 6:30. Those present introduced themselves to the group.

Principal's Notes: Our PTA meetings have had great numbers this year, thank you to the PTA for a great start to the year. Afterschool Enrichment is running well.

- New Family coffee went well, there will be another coffee held with the school counselors **November 9th** to discuss "Mindfulness" in our students.
- The school has been awarded a grant from the nonprofit organization Asha Jyothi to support Blessings in a Backpack this year.
- **October 24th** is Unity Day. Wear orange to school to raise awareness of bullying.
- **November 2nd** will be our Walk for the Homeless. All money raised goes to support the Lamb Center.
- Our goal is to make PTA meetings informative and useful to our families. We will host speakers during our monthly meetings to reach this goal. Upcoming speakers are our school counselors with ideas on how to help families cope with anxiety, homework strategies, and resources available. We are open to suggestions if there is a subject you would like us to focus on.

Presidents' Notes:

- The PTA audit is complete.
- The parent survey from the first PTA meeting shows support for teachers, media, library, and technology, and afterschool enrichment as the most important areas to support. Thank you for your input.
- The PTA website has been updated with a new calendar, and Google translate is now available
- We want to hear your input. Do you have any suggestions for the spring fundraising event? Email your ideas to the PTA presidents.

Speaker: Mrs. Brown MWES Librarian:

- Mrs. Brown has been a librarian for 9 years, and taught before that. Her philosophy is that all students are equally important.
- The library is shared space and the students learn how to control their body and voice so all can use the resources. We also teach to respect the resources we have.
- The students learn online resources so they can safely navigate them at home.

- We teach using the AASL Standards of learning. Inquire, include, collaborate, curate, and explore.

Library Services:

- Students K-6 check out books regularly.
- We have a need-based system. The students can access the library daily if needed for a project.
- Resource used is the VA Readers Choice.

Direct Instruction:

- Literary Appreciation
- Help finding, and evaluating book choices
- Classroom instruction on online data base for PBL projects.
- Collaborate and support classroom teachers with project resources.
- Collection Development. Choosing age appropriate print items that fit the ever-changing classroom needs.

Library Volunteers:

- The Library always needs help shelving books.
- The Book Fair is coming up **Monday 11/12-Friday 11/16**. A sign up genius will be sent for help on browsing day, sales day, and for breakdown.
- Reinforce at home by reading with your child. What are their reading presences? Practice using technology together.

Follow the Library on Twitter: @MWES_Library

Treasurer Report: The treasurers went over the budget for the upcoming year and it is currently balanced. A motion was moved to approve the school year budget and those present approved passed it.

Committee Updates:

- Movie Night needs volunteers. You are welcome to come at 6pm to pitch in for this fun night. The movie is free, and snacks will be for sale. Think about volunteering while your child enjoys a movie with friends! If you would like to lend a hand, please contact Alison Vaden.
- Please consider helping with After School Enrichment. The current coordinator will be stepping down after this spring semester and has offered to let volunteers shadow her and then possibly take it on in the Fall. If interested, please email Lili Cui.
- The Running Club needs a Coordinator and coach. Please contact Holly Dubbeling if interesting in providing this popular event this spring!

Upcoming Events:

- Our first restaurant night will be California Tortilla **October 23rd**
- Thursday **November 1st** is Bingo Night. We are looking for donations for prizes, and volunteers to make this popular event a success.
- Tuesday **November 6th** Election Day Bake sale. We will be collecting baked goods to be dropped off Nov. 5th. The 6th graders and parent volunteers will help with sales. Sign up genius to follow.
- Friday **November 16th** Chuck E Cheese in Fairfax fundraiser from 4pm-9pm.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30

Next PTA meeting is November 27th at 6:30 in the Mosby Woods Library