

M-S PTO Board Meeting
October 9, 2025 at 6:30pm
Middletown Prairie Elementary School

1. Call to Order and Introductions - 6:32 PM

2. Officer Reports

- a. President/Vice President's Report
 - i. MPE Dawgwalk done and LT tomorrow! Assembly was well-received; SPED parents want to walk with their kids
- b. Treasurer's Report
 - i. \$162K Dawgwalk - exceed expectations and funds last year! May need to reevaluate budget (with \$40K extra)
 - ii. We need to get activity fund and teacher allocation funds to MPE/LT; extra could go to project funds;
 - 1. hesitation to boost teacher allocations (harder to maintain in the future);
 - 2. LT would possibly use it for playground equipment (it's on sale!!)
 - 3. MPE possible picnic tables

3. Principal/Staff Reports

- a. MPE
 - i. Thank you for everything for Dawgwalk! Curious to see survey results.
 - ii. Pre-K was happy with the DJ (didn't hear negative feedback about lack of inflatables/popsicles. The assembly was great.
 - iii. Ryan and follow-up with Julie about the Los Zaraopos order
- b. LT
 - i. Excited for Dawgwalk tomorrow!
 - ii. Conferences - Oakland was going to reach out to Jimmy Johns (quote JJ boxes v. JJ sandwiches + Sam's club purchases)
 - iii. Ready for Book Fair
 - iv. Lots of author visit book orders

4. Committee Reports

- a. Dawg Walk
 - i. Prizes
 - 1. Ordered
 - 2. Will be sorted and sent to classrooms as soon as all prizes come in
 - ii. Kickball, Top Class, and Principal for the Day
 - 1. Dawg Pack (Glow Party)
 - a. MPE -
 - i. Wade, O'Connell, Kaiser - Ryan to feel it out (all one day in board room v. in the classroom)

- ii.
 - b. LT - 3 Separate Days
 - i. Hendrickson, Callahan, Herriott
 - 2. Top Dawg (Principal for the day with lunch)
 - a. MPE - Nolan F. - October 17th
 - b. LT - Morgan S.
 - 3. Lead Dawg (kickball game)
 - a. MPE - October 30
 - i. Nolan Freeman, Macklyn Ayers, Morgan Daley, Olivia Mullen, Emerson Gray
 - ii. Randomly Drawn: Kent Gerrity (Wade), Luca Condotta-Oliveira (Fernandez), Duru Ozturk (Wade), Nolan Arnott (White), Teresa Bambenek (Raver)
 - b. LT -
 - i. Morgan Sieben, Ava Henry, Isaac Ontiveros, Daniel Ayers, Josie Bonham
 - ii. Randomly Drawn:
 - 4. Mystery Prize Drawing - X number of random of kids
- iii. Review
- 1. MPE
 - a. Bounce House
 - b. [Teacher Feedback](#)
 - i. More bubbles! Shoutout to Britney Anderson for massive bubble machine
 - ii. Additional inflatable opportunities
 - iii. Bummed about drumline, but loved assembly
 - iv. Varied opinions about walking the outside building
 - v. Illinois Athletes - Josh Whitman, Parkland Basketball Coach's wife
- iv. Upcoming
- 1. LT:
 - a. At the Jr. High tomorrow (10/10)
 - b. Using the track and field
 - c. Special event permit approved
 - d. Dave Kleist will have transportation if not painting the field
 - e. Should be officer patrol to help with cross walk
 - f. Student Council and Community Action Program helpers (approx. 30)
 - g. Leslie Radice bringing games for center of field
 - h. Arch Set-Up - Heather (remember extension chord)

- i. Stevi will grab mascot - ask a football player
 - j. Pie the Principal Winners:
 - i.
 - b. Book Fair – 10/20-10/23
 - i. MPE
 - ii. LT: Update from Liz
 - 1. Book Fair is coming up in a week and a half. The cases will be delivered on 10/15 and setup will take place 10/17.
 - 2. We are still looking pretty low on volunteers at LT, so I will be asking Megan to send out a message on Parent Square with the volunteer link. We also still need Lead spots filled on Mon 10/20 from 8-11:20 and Wed 10/22 from 12:30-2:30.
 - 3. We will need gift cards purchased by PTO for the book sponsorships, as well as seed money. I'll touch base on actual numbers for that but early next week.
 - c. Communications-Haley
 - i. Start to post the Dawg Walk sponsors
 - ii. Talk with Stevi After the meeting
 - d. Staff Appreciation
 - i. October – Ordering food for parent teacher conference meals (both schools will order and then reimburse us)
 - 1. MPE- Los Zarapes
 - 2. LT- Jimmy Johns
 - ii. November-
 - iii. December- Basket of Goodies (boy scout popcorn, magnet, ?)
 - e. STEM-Dana and Isabella
 - i. STEM Night – Wednesday, November 5th, 6-8pm
 - ii. Donation to program- \$500 - will continue doing this
 - iii. As it gets closer to STEM Night, Dana will reach out to get JJ ordered for students from U of I
 - iv. Confirmed with Dana who the STEM Contacts are for the schools:
 - 1. Jenny Diskin K
 - 2. Heather Jackson 1st
 - 3. Kelli Benner 2nd grade
 - 4. Sarah Dyer LT
 - f. MPE Reading Incentive Program
 - i. Monthly Shapes
 - ii. Rewards for September
 - 1. PTO will schedule and provide the ice cream
 - 2. Winners
 - a. K-Ms. Morgan & Mrs. Birge
 - b. 1st-Mrs. Coros & Mrs. Lonergan
 - c. 2nd--Mrs. Benner & Mrs. White
 - g. Family Engagement

- i. MPE - Bounce House Evening (replace the Family Movie Night)
- ii. LT - Sneaker Bash (February), Glow Bingo (?)

5. Old Business

- a. Estimated dates of need for Barkley - Stevi to ask Ryan; Megan to let us know

6. New Business

- a. MPE Storybook Parade Volunteers
- b. LT Veteran's Day Volunteers - Tuesday this year
 - i. Volunteers (writing kids names) - 2 volunteers per lunch hour, each day that week; 11:00AM-1:15PM
 - ii. Donations for prizes?
 - iii. Raffle tickets for sale - November 3; Drawing - November 7
 - iv. Assembly at HS; donate to American Legion

7. Announcements

- a. Next General Assembly Meeting - November 13th
- b. Next Board Meeting - December 11th and/or January may get rescheduled or via email

8. Adjournment - 7:18 PM