

MCE PTSA Meeting – October 21, 2021

Heather Clayton, Principal Welcome:

- a. Classroom Connection - Ms. Clayton has been reading individualized books aloud to each classroom and engaging those students in conversation, and occasionally a small writing prompt.
- b. Contact tracing - Can only begin after official notification from the DOH.
 - a. Informally, when there is a positive case, Ms. Clayton confers with the teacher to determine which kids may have been exposed, even if the DOH does not consider anyone a “close contact.” Ms. Clayton then gives a courtesy call to parents where necessary. This is an MCE policy (not district).
 - b. Our nurses do not do contact tracing; that is an administrative role.
- c. Return to School v. Return to Play – If a child tests positive for Covid, they can’t participate in PE and recess for a certain period of time.

Motion to Approve Meeting minutes by Meredith Graham, second by Emily Kay.

PTSA Events

- a. Super Sale – brought in around \$11k (\$5k from Patricia’s sale alone). Still waiting for expense report with costs on signs, etc.
- b. Light the Loop – needs more pumpkins. MCE has 63 as of yesterday. Still need more set-up volunteers; suggestions to put it on the Morning Announcements in the middle and high schools and offer volunteer credit.
- c. Book Fair – increase volunteers by giving parents a schedule of when their child’s class will be attending.
- d. STEM Day - needs a committee. End of May/early June, 4th and 5th graders.

PTSA Funds

- a. Field Trips – unable to book due to transportation issues. Considering walking field trips?
- b. Fund wishlist items for teachers like wobble seats or gel plates for art (which should be covered by Square One Art fundraiser).
- c. Yearbook – could subsidize personalization, or purchase more copies as overage to ensure every 5th grader has one.
- d. Teacher Appreciation – around 80 staff members. Increase from \$1100 to 1500? Decrease Light the Loop by \$300. *Motion to amend the budget – Meredith Graham.*
 - a. Add additional teacher appreciation in November, during conferences.
- e. District PTSA – is financially struggling, so MCE PTSA should anticipate covering district PTSA expenses like the visiting author. This will continue into next year.