

MSE PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: September 8th, 2026 MSE Media Center

Attendees: Cat Eveland, Amy Larson, Kelley Dahlquist, Anna Witherington, Sarah Kreuter, Ellen Fudge, Michelle Borucki, Leah Schuh, Christa Herold, Jenny Theis, Elyse Shorez, Chelsea Fadden, Jamie Zachman, Annie Smith, Naomi Muhammad, Breanna McQuade, Bre Butler, Marcy Clothier, Molly Lindquist, Sherri Schendzielos

Introductions

Principal Updates

- Good start of the school year! Older students besides WEB leaders have been helpful to the new 5th graders.
- Staff and students have been very adaptive and working together to make the start of the year go well.
- Current student population is at 1088 and total staff 117.
- Question was posed from an attendee on goals for the MSE PTO: collaboration, jazzing up staff's lounge, jazzing up the KNIGHT lounge, fundraising for possible future Youth Frontier retreats for students, fundraising retreats for teachers, fundraising for Gaga ball pits and playground expansion.

Open Positions

- Volunteer positions available at any capacity to get involved. There are many opportunities for things behind the scenes!
- Business Sponsorship coordinator with the role to reach out to local businesses for general donations or specific sponsorship opportunities was filled by Naomi Muhammad and Bre Butler during the meeting. Thank you!
- First Day of School Supplies coordinator was filled by Jamie Zachman during the meeting. Thank you!
- Current open positions are Profit Share Coordinator and Vice President. Profit share Coordinator role to contact and organize profit share nights at restaurants in the area once a month.

Staff Appreciation

- Surveys were sent out to teachers and have received suggestions back.
- Backhand Brew provides 15% off for educators.

Fun Run

- First Fun Run ever! KNIGHTS will be the theme!! Kids will be able to wear KNIGHTS gear for the run!
- The current plan is to have the run outside!
- October 9th is the run.
- Fundraising October 2nd to 12th.
- Anna put together a flyer for the event that was reviewed at the meeting.
- Prizes for top earning grades!
- Board members met with the student council to recruit help and ideas. Student council members will help with play lists and help with doing drawings during the run for prizes.

- Discussed recruiting cross country runners and coaches to encourage kids to run.
- Recruit staff volunteers to run in inflatables.
- Discussed prizes for top girl/boy runners each grade and spontaneous good sport tickets!
- Possible exclusive rewards: lanyards, squishes, chips, sports cards, etc.

Student Council

- They are helping with surveying students for potential prizes or fun activities the PTO can support.
- Council asked for help recruiting parent volunteers.

Family Knight and Book Fair October 8th 3:45-7:45

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Restaurant Nights

- Discussed in Silent Auction tables at Pour Night.
- Pour is March 30th
- Culvers January 26th
- Sarah Kreuter to confirm two more Culver Nights.

Next Steps:

- Molly/Sherri: Recruit staff for inflatables or participation in Fun Fun.

Closing: Meeting adjourned 7pm

Next PTO meeting, Tuesday October 13th @6:00 in the MSE Media Center