

ASPTO

January Meeting Agenda

1/9/24

Attendance:

- Ashley Sperling
- Robin McGinnis
- Frances Wilkins
- Stefanie Ryan

Executive (All Welcome)-6:30pm

Budget

-Are all checks cashed

- Checks have been cashed
- Entries have been updated from the holiday shop; sneakers check received
- MS teachers went to businesses in town and got donations for the scholarship fund for DC trip; checks were made out to ASPTO
- Haven't connected with Dr. Jarrett re: peer mediation
- Funds were requested outside of the band budget; this funding requested outside of the scope
- Book fair invoice check has not been paid yet
- Check was not given to Mrs. Fletcher yet

-up to date on reimbursements?

- Bookfair, Mrs. Fletcher, Dr. Jarrett and Ashley have outstanding checks that are needed to be printed

- targeting to have them issued by next week

-Have prizes been given to MF winners at MS?

- prizes were distributed after the last meeting

-Has money been given to last month's requestors?

Fundraising Updates

- Raise Right
 - There might be a few online orders that were shipped to homes; if they got in after the 1st of december they might have shown up for January
 - Recommendation to run another fundraiser in the spring

- It takes 4 business days for shipping; build in a few extra days for admin ops
- Usually a week long period to distribute
- Recommendation when we come back from April vacation, make that our spring date and make it for late graduation gift
- April 22nd launch campaign
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- Meadow Farms
 - Asked about potential to not do paper forms year, they said it was OUR call
 - Prizes should come shortly to the MS-Stef to go sort and distribute Thursday or Friday
- Sneaker Drive
 - 7 bags were dropped off prior to Holidays, 3 more bags dropped off last Friday, 20 more bags have been ordered. 1-2 More bags will be filled when bags arrive
- Restaurant Night
 - December 20th - Papa Gino's in Leominster, MA -update
 - Raised \$76
 - Needed an updated W9
 - Assuming a check will be out shortly
 - January 18-ANthonys in Littleton
 - Ashley will make sure it goes out in the weekly message next week

Website

- Ashley and Robin will meet on Friday the 19th at 9:30am (EST)

spirit wear

- No current updates; maybe another push for Valentine's day
- Recommendation to a flyer to help re-engage

new Business?

LAW-7pm

Attendance: Mrs. Lewis; Sarah Gibbons

Principal's update

- Kindness week the last week in January
- PLT group will orchestrate events within that time; we'll also do an assembly promoting kindness
- We usually have a kindness challenge as well
- PBIS Rally - coming this Friday
- Student art show - Mrs. Lewis makes a slideshow that plays during lunch
- Diversity, Equity and inclusion council in our building (10 members) mostly from staff

- Each year we try to take on a different initiative, based on the school improvement plan; one in particular that hasn't been officially ruled out by the district - one of the pieces of that plan is to make your school visually showing what your school community looks like
- we've been working to try and come up with ideas to make our school visually reflective.
- We're going to have a contest, talk about the different cultures in our school, talking points for consistent messaging will be shared with teachers; we want kids to design their own mural on a smaller piece of paper and we're going to take elements from a lot of different entries; spoke to the HS to get them involved and have art students put together into a mural
- The other part is to have students pick people they admire in their culture and have those people painted in different places in our school (it would be great again to get HS involved)
- Hoping to start to roll out end of January and early February and have a mural by May
- Some of the members on the council said give me your ideas; there is a gentleman who paints portraits of people very fast - Rob Surrette
- Maybe next year we get some help from the PTO to help finance it for next year
- Maybe the kids could vote on someone
- There's another gentleman who is also local and he has all the kids he helps them draw things like him and he takes their element and he puts up on the wall
- Recommendation if Mrs. Lewis finds a specific person and has amounts, we can try to help or target it for next year
- Winter carnival is the 16th
 - ASPTO will manage the volunteer list
- 100 day is February 5th

Enrichment clubs update-Veronica

- Slated to start on February 5th
- She wanted to get things to go home end to mid next week for sign up forms
- But we only have (3) clubs right now
- She was going to send an email to Sandra to see if a teacher would host a club
 - It went out to the teachers today
- She posted on town pages as well as Parents of LAW
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Teacher conference luncheon recap

- Great variety and feedback from the December session

Family Dance 2/2

- DJ has been booked; the same DJ for the Fancy Dance
- DJ added a photobooth; Ashley will ask him to remove it - it should be \$275.00
- Behavior expectations will established at the start of the event

- Bathroom monitor is recommended
- Elementary school students or younger for attendance
- (2) recommendations
 - Either pre-registration and we check tickets at the door
 - Do not serve dinner; still sell snacks and desserts
- RSVP with a form limit - sign up early and sign up fast because it may sell out
- No dinner will be served; \$1.00 each for snacks and drinks
- Use the RSVP list to also reinforce the behaviors
- 2 weeks prior Ashley will make a flyer
- Ashley will double check that the DJ includes the glow bracelets/necklaces

new business?

- School Committee office hours - is there a specific ask of the school, that parents can support if they can speak
- School committee went to both select boards and ayer was ready to take on the payment and Shirley said not ready at this time

ASMS-7:30pm

Principal update?

- No principal update provided

Meadow Farms update-Stef

- Stef will be getting those out the end of this week

8th grade raffle calendar

- Sarah is helping with the 8th grade raffle calendar
- Heard back from one parent who forgot during the holiday
- (9) items for our calendar raffle we need (31) and we like to go over because we like to combine them
- Some are rolling in; and they will be sent to LAW
- Sarah will add anymore that she's been promised
- Like to have most of them in hand before we print the calendars

Fundraiser/trip grade funds

- Some local businesses have contributed to the scholarship fund
- Meadow Farms and MCM fundraiser (over \$1K they earned) and that goes to their scholarship funds
- Rivard's gave \$500.00

Family Trivia 2/8*

*Ashley will try to book the date of the 16th

- (8th and 9th are conferences; robotics club has the 8th)
- Recommended time 6:00-8:00pm (EST)
- In person event with the goal of charging for entry
- ½ the money goes to the prizes (or something along those lines)
- Ashley is comfortable emailing MS teachers and seeing if they want to contribute questions
- It would be a family event - with the expectation that family and kids are both involved
- Need to come up with team size and if we want to come with your team
 - Team entry or individual fee
 - Or can they come any team size
- Recommendation for team size
 - Minimum 2 - 8 maximum
 - If you come with a smaller team we might pair you up
 - Check how many tables
 - \$5.00 per person to play?
- Snacks
 - Possibly leverage the popcorn machine the SGA team has
- Door raffle?
- Ashley has a "Mind the Gap" game that can be used for leverage some trivia questions
- Ashley will check to make sure we have the facilities request submitted
- (School vacation is the week of February 19th)

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