

Meeting Minutes 10-26-18 Green Trails PTO meeting

Minutes: 9:30-11:00 AM

In Attendance: Rene Sommers, Andrew Ging, Katie Nagus, Brooke Senior, Arianne Martinez, Martha Hicks, Risa Shyres, Leah Curran, Kathy Lake, Katie Rees, Laura DeWoskin

Last meeting minutes- motion to approve by Risa and Katie R to second. All in favor.

Principal's Report: Rene Sommers

- 1) Everything going well.
- 2) Wednesday Missouri Education Commissioner came to visit- noted that GT is amazing. Props to Michelle Wilson for the garden. Kid leaders talked about their experience. 40 people were here. Katie N would like to Blog about this on the website.
- 3) Science curriculum- Project Lead the Way- kids are given experiences and given a question to solve. Teachers need 2 full days of training. There is a sustainability piece to it. Maplewood-Richmond Heights has a Seed to Table Program- garden, chickens, preschool to high school. High school does food prep.
- 4) Dyslexia screening- created a letter to send to parents to where kids fell. 1st-3rd grades. SRI foundations used to assess 2nd-3rd grades. When saw flags did another test of phonological processing was given. School can do things to reduce the characteristics of dyslexia. Can work on rhyming. Task focus- teach them how to focus. Find out what is causing the issue with reading- visual processing or phonological
- 5) Principal group meeting- discussed early release vs late starts. Structure and routines impact behavior. Morning routine is off and lack structure on late start days. Staff is advocating for early release. MO law changed no longer required to have a number of days but have a number of hours.

Looking into day structured differently instead would be cross content and curriculum in elementary, middle, school, and high school level. Teachers will need time to meet and plan.

President's Report: Kathy Lake

1) By-laws Committee Meeting- November 13th (7pm @ Emily's house)

2) Update Budget Meeting- Arianne updated the budget and reformatted. Income, expenses, net income, projected income, and 2017-2018 to see the variance to make an objective budget

-Budget to be emailed.

-Vote to approve budget- Kathy made a motion to pass and update the budget

and Brooke second the motion. All approve. No opposes to the budget.

3) District Safety Advisory meeting after the bond passes. Nov 13 10:30-12 at the administration building

Bond- canvassing changed. Would like to use an app or addresses of people to educate about bond issue or help canvas. Lawn signs going up; meeting on Sunday at 11:30 at Northeast Middle

-List on the app of 50 houses and a map

-4 staff to do yard signs and 4 to canvas

GT- would get double vestibule- double security cameras and security film, hvac units on the roof

Rene would like a fence around garden

New Security- scanning driver's license- print out badge with picture. Check for sex offenders.

4) Next Board Meeting- Nov 30 9:30-11 am

President-Elect Report: Leah Curran

Sending out list of who signs up for events to the chairs before the event . for the chair to contact the volunteers. It's working well.

Secretary Report: Risa Shyres

40 welcome bags have been given out to new families

Treasurer Report: (Kathy reported)

- 1) Approved budget
- 2) Taxes have been filed
- 3) Insurance still needs to be paid- figured out a package- accidental medical, liability, and directors and officers. \$385 year. Instead of \$455. Doesn't include crime- embezzlement. Make sure 2 people per cash box and 2 treasures for checks and balances. Every year vote at the beginning of the year and vote on the insurance coverage whether or not includes crime, etc.

Fundraising Report: Katie Nagus and Brooke Senior

- 1) Dine and Donate- Oct 30th 4-8 pm at Bread Co. at Olive and Woodsmill. Keep it monthly.
Red Robin- mid November
- 2) Schnucks Giving Bags- we have been selected at the Hilltown Schnucks in October buy a bag for \$3 and we get a \$1 (so far \$14)
- 3) Trivia Night- auction who goes on the field when the choir sings; auction items coming in. Save the date cards to go out in November.

Singing at the Ambush soccer team possibly? Purchase 100-150 tickets

4) Green Envelope \$1500- 1600 so far.

Programming: Martha Hicks

Nothing

School Services: Katie Rees

1) Discovery Abilities Day- Nov 9th am only- Mr. G

Presenters - no fee except 1; some previous and new presenters

Volunteers rotate with the class.

2) Veterans Day Monday 11/12; breakfast 8:15 and program at 9 am potluck breakfast or bagels and coffee

3) Winter parties- 12/20 half day in am ?

Or 12/19 activities in the gym during PE and each child to receive a small wrapped gift and do an act of kindness over winter break.

Limits the amount of the parent help- will need help with wrapping and distributing the gifts. Katie to email committee to see what ideas they have about gifts.

5th grade- luau -flip around specials and 5th grade party at the end of the day to use the gym. Talk to 5th grade to see what they have planned. To see if they do it 12/19 and 12/20.

