

MBS PTO

4.12.18

Attending: Angela Bean, VP; Trisha DiFonzo, President; Margaret Brown; Jaycie Puttlitz; Todd Timmerman; Toni Josey; April O'Dell; Colleen Birner; Julie Benay, Principal; Lily Eastman, PE teacher; Mindy Dimeo, Seed Sale Chair.

**OOTM:** Student led teams do complex problem solving. Todd's team came in 1st place in their Division at the state finals. They are invited to World Finals in Iowa at the end of May (May 23rd) Lucien Timmerman, Ariana Reidinger. Naomi and Ben Shapiro, Trinity McCarthy, Caledora Stamm. The team has a Go Fund Me page under Todd's account. Todd formally requested the \$1,500.00. Odyssey kids will do a coin drop contest to help with funds. A check in the amount of \$1,500 was given to Todd Timmerman per PTO budget. He will bring some hotel receipts as back up when the team returns.

**Garden:** Jaycie is passing Garden Coordinator position to Colleen Birner! The PTO budgets \$100 for the garden annually. We also have a Claussen's card with a balance that can be used. James Macauley of Claussen's often donates as well, and serves as a technical advisor. Mrs. Cioffi's class is going to help start seeds and do transplants. Girls on the Run can be a resource as they helped with garden clean up. Discussion was held around connecting the harvest to the cafe and the preschool.

**School updates:** SBAC testing started this week. Many students actually enjoy the testing period. The kids tell us they like: 1. No homework 2. Special snacks and treats from the teacher 3. They get to have extra recess and movies when not testing 4. Its nice and quiet in the room! Testing will continue throughout May as different groups take the test. Fifth graders will take a new online science test in May. Brooke King is the finalist for the Assistant Principal position. She met the faculty today and feedback was generally positive. Brooke is currently a first grade teacher at Champlain Elementary in Burlington. She has experience with teaming, data, and other school administrative issues. PTO agreed to do a reception for Ms. Burke and Mrs. King at the May meeting.

**Teacher Appreciation May 5th - 9th** Trish will do Sign Up Genius

In the past:

Monday: Muffins and coffee

Tuesday: Wear your teacher's favorite color

Wednesday: Send in a real or paper flower - teachers receive a vase of some sort (include UA)

Thursday: Letter/card to your teacher(s) (Emphasize UA)

Friday: Catered meal for teachers (Junior's)

Trisha will do a Sign Up Genius asking for help with the breakfast, the vases, and help picking up, serving, and cleaning up the lunch.

**Unplugged Week:** Julie offers this as a way to bring awareness about overuse of “screens” in young children’s lives. Students pledge at three different levels, with the goal raising awareness of how much of our time we can use up with entertainment screen time. That week also includes the Long Trail challenge and Bike to School Day.

**Seed Sale:** Sales were not as strong this year, did not work well to do it over break. We sold \$1,030. Our profit was \$521.67. The company should be sending us \$226.17.00. Next year we will run the sale while school is in session hoping for higher sales and run it in January. Also, suggest sticking to the online sales, it was much easier.

**Fundraising:** Food shelf for Lucky Day 248.5 lbs. Our total for the year is 498.5 lbs of food! Photos and report will be posted on their Food Shelf website. Hannafords was \$744.00, Box Tops \$707.00. PE department chose equipment for more structured indoor recess with the Price Chopper points. Genevieve’s: Catalog sales \$17,259.00. \$9,622 total catalog profit, \$846 for online profit. Combined \$10,468.20. This was an amazing year for fundraising!

2018-2019 Genvieves is adding on “Get Air.” Angela plans to set up the sales date for next year. Last year we ran 9/8-9/26. Open House is 9/20, so that timing works. We need a new fundraising chair for 2019-2020. Angela would like to find someone now who can shadow her and learn the ropes.

**Yearbook:** Margie Brown and Moriah McCullagh have signed the contract for 2018-2019 yearbook. Jaycie sent Ursula a detailed statement regarding accounting, it appears that the online sales are not reflected in the report. \$3,006 for the online sales. Jaycie predicts that we will break even if we sell \$40.00. Jaycie will put out a note for help when the yearbooks come in to help sort them.

**Starbase:** Julie described Starbase and suggested that the PTO include funds in the annual budget to support Starbase. She requested a one time grant of \$2,000 to cover this year’s busses. Angela Bean moved and Trish DiFonzo seconded the motion to grant the \$2,000 for this year. In the fall when budget is built, the PTO recommends including \$500 in the budget, with an additional \$500 to be voted on in April if fundraising has gone well. A check for \$2,000 was dispersed to Malletts Bay School for the Starbase busses for 2017-2018.

**PTO Promotion:** Angela will put together a promotional page for all parents as an end of year celebration of what we did.

**Lucky Day:** Need new tokens. Have the Irish Dancers at the END, not at the beginning. Also, ask IT to allow MBS administrators to email the CMS students directly rather than imposing on the CMS admins to do it.

**May 10th:** Reception for new administration. Trish will organize refreshments. Julie will let all parents, including second graders, know.

