

Attendees

Angela Bean
Julie Benay
Mindy Demeo
Trish DiFonzo
Lily Eastman
Nini Fenton
Benjamin Hardy
Astrid Lague
Heather Longchamp
Gillian Tarinelli

Agenda

- Introductions
- Mrs. Benay's school updates
- Fundraiser update
- Monster Mash update
- Approve a budget
- Parent conferences

1. School updates: Mrs. Benay

Mrs. Benay reported that the ballot vote for the 2016-2017 Yearbook designs has been completed and the students have chosen the final designs.

School-wide celebrations have also been decided.

1. No homework week
2. Eat lunch in my classroom
3. Extra recess
4. Tie between: Craft day / Maker day / Kids have tokens and can give to teachers as compliments.

PDiS going well. Students are being more civil around school and in class. Mrs. Benay mentioned the need to make sure MBS has implemented the program as intended to get the best results.

Five veteran's joined MBS on Veteran's Day. Mrs. Benay explained to students the branches of the military and why people fight, (resources, religion, land). She also talked about ways students can practice conflict resolution and act peacefully.

A school-wide celebration is scheduled for November 11. Activities will include:

- Hip-hop
- Charleston and swing dancing
- Dance team
- Zumba
- Beach balls and music

Teachers are working on assessments and getting ready for report cards.

Parent conferences going well with lots of sign ups.

The School Council meeting was attended by only one person. Mrs Benay and the PTO need to determine whether a student council is needed this year.

2. Fundraiser update: Angela Bean

Angela Bean is coordinating the fundraiser closing. The total to date is \$14,000, of which PTO will receive approximately 40% (the actual percentage varies by products purchased).

Ursula Boehringer has sent the payment check to Red Barn. She will investigate the amount of \$69 that still needs to be paid to determine if it is legitimate and pay if needed. PTO usually pays any deficits as they are generally under \$100.

Delivery and pick up of 99 orders is scheduled for 11/16. Mrs. Benay to double check that Parks and Recreation know the gym is being used by the school that night. Angela is looking for help to organize and distribute the orders. Any product not picked up on 11/16 will be placed in the teacher's classroom.

The fundraiser will remain open until May 2017. Mrs. Benay will put an ad promoting the fundraiser in the Colchester Sun. Other suggestions were to place flyers in stores to maintain awareness of the fundraiser. Red Barn (the fundraiser vendor) runs report each month and sends money to MBS if any is due.

Mrs. Benay requested that before the PTO signs up for a fundraiser next year, a Coordinator needs to be assigned no later than November. Angela suggested that next year the fundraiser kit can be omitted as it is not needed.

3. Monster Mash update: Trisha DiFonzo

Trisha DiFonzo reported that the Monster Mash was a great success and made \$1,422.

4. Budget

Trish DiFonzo stated that Ursula Boehringer, MBS PTO Treasurer, recommends approving the proposed budget.

Ben Hardy stated that the Lego League carryover of \$191 (remaining from the \$1000 grant) was not included in the budget. Since the Lego sets are reusable, it

would cost \$365 to fund one Lego League team next year. If a new (additional) team were formed, the cost would be \$809. Ben suggests corporate fund raising next year to offset the cost of an additional Lego League Team if there is sufficient interest.

Lego League cost breakdown:

- Team fee: \$225
- State championship fee: \$65
- Annual Lego Challenge set \$75
- Team Lego set \$439
- \$365 for one team (team fee + championship fee + Lego challenge set)
- \$809 for additional team (team fee + championship fee + Team Lego set + Lego challenge set)

An adjustment of \$365 was made for the Lego League bringing the revised budget to \$11,330.

Trisha DiFonzo, Lily Eastman and Astrid Lague motioned to approve the budget. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mallet's Bay PTO Approved budget FY 2017

Item	Detail	Approved budget	
Field trips	25 teachers@ \$200 each	\$5,000	
Four Winds	PTO share	\$600	
Odyssey of the Mind: Fees		\$285	
Odyssey: World's		\$1,500	
Monster Mash		\$0	
Lucky Day		\$0	
MBS Unplugged Screen Time Awareness		\$0	
Teacher Appreciation	May	\$500	
Parent-Conference staff meals	Nov/Mar	\$450	
Childcare	9 meetings @\$20 each	\$180	
Bank fees		\$150	
Grants (special projects)		\$0	(capital reserve)
Garden		\$100	
Assemblies		\$1,500	
Yearbook		\$500	
Miscellaneous	DARE, Sunshine, postage	\$200	
Lego League		\$365	
Total expense		\$11,330	

Trisha DiFonzone reported that the following checks will be written on 11/11/16:

- Odyssey of the Mind \$135
- Lego League \$65

5. Assemblies

Lily Eastman reported that this year MBS will repeat assemblies done in previous years and that each grade will have their own assembly:

- 5th Grade May: ATu VT (music and dance)
- 4th Grade: February: Ted Scheu (poet)
- 3rd Grade: January or March: Musical petting zoo (with Vermont Symphony Orchestra)

There will also be 2 new all-school assemblies:

- Slapstick scientist (April before Spring Break)
- Anti-bullying assembly (December)

Mrs. Benay worked with the District Manager to fun overage from the assemblies from the Building budget.

6. Parent teacher conferences

The PTO will fund a Subway dinner for the teachers during the Parent conferences. Lily to put in the order to Subway.

Next PTO meeting

There is no December PTO meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2017, at 6:00 PM.