

Attendees

Angela Bean
Julie Benay
Mindy Demeo
Trisha DiFonzo
Ryan Kluk
Moriah McCullagh
Jaycie Puttlitz
Gillian Tarinelli

Agenda

- Introductions
- School update
- Lucky Day Carnival
- Seed sales
- Box Tops
- Teacher Appreciation
- Gift for Lily

1. **School update: Mrs. Benay**

Mrs. Benay plans to share a summary of the MBS field trips and assemblies (of which the PTO helps to fund half of the cost) to show MBS families how the PTO funds are used to enrich the experience of MBS students.

Teachers were very appreciative of the Subway sandwiches provided by the PTO during the Parent/Teacher conferences. They enjoyed having exactly what they wanted for lunch.

2. **Yearbook update: Jaycie Puttlitz**

The online order deadline has been extended to March 17. Four additional parents have offered to help with yearbook paperwork and data entry.

Beltrami hasn't yet given Jaycie an original set of portraits. They sent a CD with the re-takes but Jaycie doesn't have all of the portraits yet. She will follow up with Beltrami and also ask them to take pictures of new students who have joined MBS since the yearbook photos were taken.

5th grade student candid photos are still needed. Jaycie will email the 5th grade teachers to request the photos.

Two parents have volunteered to take photos during the Lucky Day Carnival.

3. **Lucky Day Carnival: All**

Mrs. Benay will send out a Sign-up Genius to request volunteers for the Lucky Day Carnival. Volunteer bakers are needed as well as cashiers to help with the snack bar.

Plenty of 8th grade students have volunteered to paint faces. The face paint has been purchased. Jaycee will ask a student teacher to help with games.

Food has been ordered: 12 pizzas for sale at \$2/slice will generate \$72 in profit. Hot dogs, buns, condiments, water, juice and table settings need to be purchased. Angela will pick up more baked goods (cookies). Mrs. Benay will bring a cooler. Mindy will bring ice.

Trisha will pick up \$400 in change for the snack bar. Jaycie will purchase the gift cards; 3 x \$10 Justice, 4 x \$10 Subway and 3 x \$10 ToysRUs.

Mindy will be the go-to person for any PTO issues.

4. Seed sale update: Mindy

Mindy will drop off the last of the backordered seeds. Mrs. Benay will send an email to parents asking them to help support the school garden. She will also ask James if he can help get a group together to create a plan for the garden. Claussen's donated starter seeds for the garden last year and may be willing to donate again this year.

5. Box tops update: Angela

Angela reported raising funds of \$437.10 from Box Tops. She plans to send out collection sheets, including a St. Patrick's Day themed flyer, to help families collect Box Tops. She has already sent out a flyer about the Box Top app.

Labels for Education are being discontinued. Angela has cashed in MBS points and purchased soccer balls, mesh bags and field hockey balls for the playground.

Angela signed MBS up for Price Chopper "Tools for Schools" program. Families can go online and enter their Price Chopper number to earn points for MBS.

Jaycie suggested a scavenger hunt — 3 ways to make money for your school without doing anything — with a raffle for those who answer correctly.

6. Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation week is May 1 - 5. The PTO has budgeted \$500 for celebrations.

The PTO usually arranges breakfast on Monday and lunch on Friday. A Sign-up Genius will be sent out requesting donuts, K-cups and baked goods for the breakfast. For lunch last year the PTO ordered Papa Franks for MBS staff. Jaycie suggested the new restaurants in the area might be interested in doing a promotion.

Suggestions for celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week included having the kids pick 5 staff members and sending a card to each one, 10-minute chair massages (although these are hard to fit in to the school day and tend to work better at the end of the school year in June).

Planning for Teacher Appreciation Week will be a priority for the April PTO meeting.

7. Lily's Gift

PTO members would like to send a gift to Lily Eastman to celebrate the birth of her baby. Mrs. Benay will order Shari's Berries.

Next PTO meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2017, at 6:00 PM.