

MBS PTO 10.12.17

Attending: Trish DiFonzo, Angela Bean, Gail Messier, Julie Benay, Katie Marchessault, Mindy Demeo, Lily Eastman, Willie Mitchell, Margaret Brown, Tabitha Escobedo, Bonnie Domachowski, Amy Kelliher

Principal search committee: Gail Messier will contact Amy Minor about how parents can be involved in the process.

Monster Mash: Trish updated on the list of volunteers. Since the final notice was sent out, the volunteers really stepped up and we are in good shape. Trish has a possible storage space with Stephanie Stahl.

Details:

- NYPO, not double cut: 16 pizzas, half cheese/ half pepperoni
- Hot dogs donated by McKenzie - Brenda Massie will pick up
- Rolls may also be donated by McKenzie, otherwise Costco will donate
- Another planning meeting 10/23, 6 p.m. in the library
- Lily will do a playlist and run the music
- We will collect food for the food shelf - Angela will make a box
- Costume parade - have parents in the center, parade around the edges
- Julie will make the flyer

Yearbook

Publish the ReplayIt link and Order link on MBS Website as early as October 16th.

After students vote for their cover, we can do another Online-only order push in the next Friday email (November 3 or later?) and let families know paper order forms will go home AFTER Thanksgiving break. (We have requested Jostens to print the order form envelopes for us. I ordered 525 copies) here is a copy of that form:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gDymayikKvrB7xdmd6ZRwIIRzoh8IkAnQJIGLD5oqkg/edit?usp=sharing>

Send these envelope order forms out the week we return from Thanksgiving break (Nov 27th). That gives people two months to order via paper.

Paper orders due by February 2.

Online orders close February 23.

Fall Fundraiser

Financial report indicates \$15,614.00. Online sales were roughly \$2,300. Total is approximately \$18,000.

Order forms were mailed on Wednesday. Genevieve's inputs all the paper orders.

The goal is to have delivery during the first part of November.

Fundraiser arrives and is distributed from the gym.
Angela will need help the afternoon and evening of distribution.
We will keep online orders open, parents will pay shipping at that point.

Box Tops

Mailed out \$344.74 and another \$113.90, received by 11/1, check will be cut in December. Box Tops is year round.

Hannafords and Price Chopper

Hannafords in Essex neglected to include MBS on the Tower, so they corrected that and gave us a \$100 GC that we can use for Lucky Day. Parents can be reminded to send in the slips - we can put them in the Box Tops box. With Hannafords, we get a check cut based on the amount of slips we turn in.

With Price Chopper, we get points and they give us a catalog to shop from. Last year we got PE equipment with the points. With Price Chopper, if you sent in a recipe, you get 5,000 bonus points, so Angela sent in a recipe for us (apple brownies). There were other ways to get bonus points - such as Facebook, display at Open House, etc. Angela jumped all the hoops and earned us a bunch of bonus points.

Discussion was held about how to thank the kids for their efforts with the fundraising. Lily and Ryan have been talking to the children about eliminating wall ball (which the kids fight about) and building a gaga pit instead.

Financial report

Accept financial report: Moved by Trish DiFonzo, seconded Angela Bean
Trish DiFonzo moved and Mindy Demeo seconded: authorize checks for field trips (\$200 per teacher=\$5,000) and assemblies (\$1,500).

Donations

Discussion was held about donations. Julie described the iSTEAM (innovation, science, technology, engineering and math) initiative and will solicit from teachers some items that parents could donate to support this initiative. She noted that something like an Amazon wish list would need to be approved by the business manager.

Other

Please be thinking about options for providing a meal for teachers during conferences in November.

Nurse Josie will be offering a winter clothing swap during parent teacher conferences
Lily noted that the PE department will be snowshoeing instead of skiing

