**Introduction**

The meeting began at 6:25 p.m.

**Previous Minutes**

The September minutes were unanimously approved.

**Capital Levy Update – Kristine Wehrkamp & Janet Newberg**

Capital asset levy voting in November. District project need is 1.8M, levy will address 1.4M to go to technology and music updates.

Tax impact currently is $26/year per valued 200k house (average in district), new tax amount will be $45/year.

Please spread word to White Bear Lake district residents to voice their opinion on the levy by voting in November.

**Open Forum- All Attendees**

Fundraising ideas to investigate:

Working at Wild/Twins/Vikings game concessions

Bagging groceries at Cub

Concern was brought up over the length of conference time (15 min) and evening schedule (lack of daytime appointments and conflicting dates with middle/high school conferences). Kirsten encouraged parents to share the feedback with the school board and Dr. Lovett.

Jill will work with Cami Raeburn to send a donation request to parents for paper goods, drinks, desserts, and coffee for teachers’ lounge on conference days.

It was shared that there is a leadership course at Century College led by student life if any teachers have the time/interest to explore. There is no cost and it is within walking distance from Matoska.

Jessica shared benefits of social media and will look into Matoska twitter account.

**Secretary Report – Courtney Gibbs**

Welcome to Jessica Ellison, new family MIPTO member!

Spring elections will likely require back up assistance if duties fall within school hours.

**Treasurer’s report – John Rogers**

**August and September 2013**

 • Savings balance per bank statement as of 9-30-13 is $32,955.49

 • Checking balance per bank statement as of 9-30-13 is $3,903.41

 • Year-to-date income is $ 18,110.48 and expenses are $ 2,118.95 (as of 9/30)

 • Total deposits of $ 16,439.00 for Chip Shoppe have been made as of the first week of October. This does not include internet sales.

 • The financial papers for 2012-2013 taxes were dropped off at Dave Zachor’s office in September and will be completed by December 15, 2013.

The board unanimously approved the treasurer’s report.

**Principal & Teacher Report- Kirsten Duoos**

Construction continues to go well. The completion date is not yet set.

IB visit Dec 5 & 6. Parents are invited to come to lunch with the IB team. Kirsten will send an email with the details.

Four teachers and John Leininger will be going to Salt Lake City this year for IB training.

**Chip Shoppe**

Projected to come in $2,000 under budget.

A school fundraising rally has not been possible because there is not a common area big enough. MIPTO will work with Chip Shoppe next year to organize an assembly.

**Buzz Sheet Ideas**

Levy information – information highlight and link to website and video.

**Yearly Calendar/Upcoming Dates to Note:**

Saints North – Fridays from 5:15-7:15- Oct. 25, January 10, February 21

School Dance 11/8/13

Family Movie Night 1/17/14 (grades K-2) & 1/24/14 (grade 3-5)

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Matoska International PTO board will be held November 12, 2013.

Monthly meetings are scheduled at 6:15 pm the second Tuesday of each month (exception March which will be on the 18th). Details will be posted on the MIPTO website. All are welcome to attend.

Please visit our website at www.matoskaparents.weebly.com for meeting minutes.