**Matoska International Parent Board**

**Meeting Minutes June 11, 2013**

The meeting began at 6:35 p.m. Those present introduced themselves. John Leininger served as timekeeper.

**Secretary’s report – Jennifer Weddell**

The May minutes were unanimously **approved**. The election for nine MIPTO board members for next school year is complete. There were nine candidates for the nine seats, and all 9 were elected. They have been notified and will begin with the August meeting. Jennifer will send them information about officer roles in order to prepare for officer elections in August.

**Treasurer’s report – Angel Fleming**

* Savings balance per 5/31/13 bank statement is $20,071.03
* Checking balance per 5/31/13 bank statement is $11,395.08
* Year-to-date income through May is $61,297.23
* Year-to-date expenses through May are $41,447.30
* Two transfers were made from savings to checking in May, totaling $27,000

Angel mentioned that one Fun Day leader requested more than the $30 amount without being pre-approved. Since there are still enough funds in the Fun Day account, the board agreed that the full amount should be reimbursed. There was another request for $30 with receipts attached that totaled closer to $40, so the board agreed that this amount should be reimbursed in full as well.

The board unanimously **approved** the treasurer’s report.

**Principal’s Report – John Leininger**

The building project is underway and going well. The IB site visit will be in the fall. We don’t know the date yet but have asked for it to be in November.

**Camp News**

John L. reviewed the decision process for changing the camp program in the future: we have too many students to be housed at Widjiwagan, the students’ testing schedules are very full and make scheduling difficult, and the expense is very challenging (almost $5,000 just in transportation expenses.) A parent asked about the rationale for cutting the overnight camp to 1 night instead of 2. John said it is more about the total number of days at camp, over the fall and spring experiences, which will still be 3 days for the 4th graders. A parent asked about the curriculum and focus of St. Croix vs. Widji. John explained that they are both Y camps with strong environmental programs that will offer a very similar experience, despite the different locations. There will be team-building experiences as well as the environmental and outdoors programming. Many parents voiced positive opinions and support for the kind of camp experience that Widji has offered, and asked about whether any changes might be possible to the camp program in the future. John said it is a school decision that can be revisited in the future as some of the factors in the decision may change.

**Other**

John R. asked whether there had been any response to our request for grant writing volunteers. No one has responded to the recent notices in the Buzz Sheet. Janet Newberg mentioned that the district has received a generous grant from HB Fuller to fund technology needs. She also gave an update on the possibility of a capital projects levy for this fall. They commissioned a survey to determine the viability of a levy renewal and of an increase, at different levels. They will vote on this in July. This could impact the technology funds available to Matoska. The building budget for the upcoming year will be available in July and will reflect what is available before any levy decision.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Meeting Attendance

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| **Board Members** | **Staff** |
|  | Shannon Otto (Co-Chair) | X | John Leininger (principal) |
| X | Cami Raeburn (Co-Chair) |  | Gayle Chapman (volunteer coordinator) |
| X | Angel Fleming (Treasurer) |  | Kirsten Duoos (IB coordinator) |
| X | Jennifer Weddell (Secretary) |  |  |
| X | Jodi Hawkins |  |  |
|  | Michelle Johnson | **Others** |
| X | Becky Richnofsky | X | Ann Menier (parent) |
| X | John Rogers | X | Heidi Gunderson (parent) |
|  | Lisa Setterlund | X | Kristen Willcoxon (parent) |
|  | Sonya Zuker | X | Heather Gysbers (incoming board member) |
|  |  | X | Janet Newberg (school board) |

**The next regular meeting of the Matoska International PTO board will be held in August on a date to be determined. Details will be posted on the MIPTO website by the end of July. All are welcome to attend.**

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