

November 2016 PTO Minutes:

John: Timekeeper

New Google Calendar: Presented by Carolyn Kay and Anne Hendrickson

1. Anne H. created info sheet for teachers to relay to families about the new calendar.
2. Shannon suggested voice drop and social media notice as well.

New board members:

1. Due to resignation of Michelle Sauer, we discussed steps to be taken to fill not only her position, but our other open board position as well. Jocelyn will work on getting info and ballots out, and along with Cami will have things done by end of November, so we should have a full board by December.

Secretary Report(Jocelyn):

1. Will continue to get new member ballots out and work with Cami to get new miners voted in, otherwise nothing else.

Treasurer Report (Ellie):

1. To make budget we have to raise another \$10,000, and we are projected at at least \$15,000 so we are right on track. Biggest fundraisers yet to come with the Plays, Art Fair, box tops, yearbook and read a Thon. Overall very good.
2. Matoskafest was \$1500 over what we had budgeted, as the games and rentals were the most expensive. Talked about eliminating basket raffles for next year, and really promoting the silent auction more.

Teacher Report:

1. Thank you to PTO from all teaches for the donation to fund the Brainpop software. Janelle showed us how Brainpop works at all grade levels, and relayed a big thanks to PTO from teachers. Received a very nice thank you card from Miss Hayden's class. :) Also reminded us that subscription is only good for a year, so we will be re-polling teachers at the end of the school year to see if they would be interested in it again for next year.

Principal Report(John):

1. Matoska will begin a lengthy study by the Carei (sp) Orgsnization to review our IB program. Will be doing literature review this year, and then more extensive research next year. Is the IB program worth the time, money, and effort? So far a solid "Yes" from teachers, as they along with other staff and parents have seen a positive impact it has made on the students and the community. Tescher's are really benefitting from the IB training as well. This will surely be talked about more as the school year continues.

Open Forum:

1. Dr. Lovett would like to come to December meeting to discuss school size, IB program, and facilities planning.
2. Teacher conference meal 11/21 set up at 4 and take down at 7pm. Ellie will take care of donations and other logistics. Jocelyn, Shannon, and Amy will help Ellie.

3. 3rd grade camp fundraiser- Shannon will have survey for 3rd grade parents to fill out at conferences to see about fundraising or not. Cost will be approximately \$190/child. It's a new YMCA based camp.
4. School dance will be Friday November 18 from 6:30-8pm. Ellie will get oranges and bananas for snacks and will have water.

Meeting Attendees:

John Leininger

Shannon Otto

Amy Jents

Anne Hendrickson

Kathy Weier

Jocelyn Crossfield

Ellie O'Brien

Heather Gysbers

Carolyn Kay (google calendar presentation)

Janelle V..