

Minutes from Mountain View Elementary PTA Meeting on Tuesday, 01 December 2020

Attendance: Cynthia Valentine, Jill Hooper, Tammy Truax, Janet Barr, Mrs. Vasilev (her son Artem starts at MVE next week), Amanda Boulet, Rachel Rollings, Alison Boda, Carrie Martinez, Christy Graham

Welcome: Meeting called to order by Cynthia Valentine at 6:35 PM.

President's Report: Cynthia noted it was a small group online tonight with only a few items to discuss.

Treasurer's Report: Report given by Cynthia for Connie Stevens. Cynthia referred to the Oct. and Nov. Treasurer's reports and noted that the only money spent in these months were for teacher grants. Incoming funds from American Furniture Warehouse, King Sooper's and the restaurant fundraisers resulted in a balance of \$9500 in the PTA account.

Principal's Report: Ms. Hooper discussed the switch to e-Learning and although there have been some challenges, the teachers are working hard. They are continuing to adjust schedules as needed and are hoping to maintain a balance of individual work vs. direct instruction.

Ms. Hooper also shared her screen to introduce parents to the Digital Learning Handbook put together by Stacie Taylor (Digital Learning Coach). She encouraged all parents to look at this interactive guide since it helps with troubleshooting, logging on, and answers many questions. It will be uploaded on the school web site.

Ms. Hooper hopes the students can return in-person in January. She encouraged parents to reach out to either her or Mrs. Rollings with any feedback about e-Learning.

Cynthia asked a question about the new elementary school in D20 and if it will impact MVE staff/ students. Ms. Hooper stated it is too early to tell, but MVE may lose some students to the new school. MVE's boundaries have not changed. Ms. Hooper also stated that there are only 4 families at MVE that are currently unaccounted for; either they moved away and did not give notice or they are homeschooling and did not reach out to MVE.

Teacher's Report: Mrs. Barr noted that many teachers are interested in applying for the PTA grants but simply need to complete the paperwork. Many teachers are now focused on e-Learning so the grant application process is on hold. She said the teachers at MVE are in good spirits and thankful for parental help with logging younger students online.

Update on Bylaws: Tammy Truax stated that she submitted to bylaws 3 times but each time, something was "wrong" (such as the format). They are now complete, signed, and submitted.

Update on Banking: Cynthia stated that the issue is resolved. No one is on the PTA account except the current board members.

Veterans Day: Cynthia was happy with amount of volunteers who helped decorate. Some were new members of PTA. Ms. Hooper thought the decorations were "beautiful."

Reflections: Update given by Cynthia for Adri Murdock. The highest amount of submissions for Reflections was this year. Cynthia requested that Mrs. Barr thank the teachers for their support. Some teachers had their entire class participate. The names of participating students were read over the announcements for several days.

Restaurant Nights: Tammy gave an update on these fundraisers. In Oct. the Kona Ice fundraiser was on a chilly day which was changed at the last minute, so less than \$100 was raised. The Chick-Fil-A fundraiser raised \$275-280, and in Nov. the Marcos Night raised \$286. The December fundraiser will be at Chipotle on North Academy Blvd. on 15 December 2020 from 4-8PM. Chipotle gives back 33%. This will be put in the ROAR, and Tammy will find out if MVE has to be mentioned at checkout. There is no Jan. 2021 restaurant night yet, but Tammy is working on it.

Teacher Grants: Amanda Boulet reported that 2 grants have been paid out so far (one to TAG and one to the counselors). She has received 2 more requests but these grant proposals are for when students are in-person learning. The next deadline to submit a grant request is 14 December 2020, which Mrs. Barr will pass on to the teachers. The January deadline is 11 January 2021 for submissions.

Spirit Wear: Ms. Hooper said the school could support selling spirit wear if people wanted to purchase it for the holidays. Parents could order online and pick-up at the front office with Tricia. Cynthia explained that Jamie typically emails Tricia with the name and size of the person who placed the order so this can be done. There are some new shirts in stock.

Other Business: Ms. Hooper appreciates the hard work of the PTA during this strange year. She plans on sending out the link to the Veterans Day program to parents.

Cynthia reminded everyone that this is the final year of the current PTA board. Elections for the new board typically occur in February/March. Ms. Hooper will remind parents of this in the ROAR so parents can consider running for a board position.

Meeting was adjourned by Cynthia Valentine at 7:17 PM. Notes recorded by Alison Boda for Jamie Horspool.