

Mills River Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization

PTO Meeting Minutes

April 20th, 2023 – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order/Attendance - Vice Principal Mandi Fletcher, Coach Starling, Nicole Sweat, Lauren Klocko, Kacie Tilley, Tracy Klaes, Kevin Ensley, Katherine Dare, Amanda Ledbetter, Autumn Morton, Lauren Cason (2nd – Hoffman), Natasha Sidwell

Speaker

Vice Principal Mandi Fletcher & Coach Starling

- Club Days – we need to do it the right way, need to put in the effort to do something not to do it just because we have always done thing at school
- We were talking about needing community partners
- We need people who are in the community who are not teachers, different professions
- PTO had already discussed reaching out – reaching out to parents for sponsorship already, but maybe we can find someone/businesses that are interested in helping with clubs, hands on help
- Is the Lighthouse Team working on putting together a list? Yes – they'll provide a list to start us off and give us an idea of kids' interests
- We want a list from teachers too because we could match a parent volunteer to a teacher
- We want a parent list to match to teachers
- We would like ideas for community partners before school gets out because it takes time to plan over the summer – generalized interest in a club at school, a Leader in Me club
- What types of clubs to we want? Community partners want? Kids wants? Teachers want? Administration wants? We need ideas!

President's Welcome

Amanda Ledbetter

- Thanks for all the help with the fundraiser
- Yard Sale – need signs – 4 signed up already, posted everywhere – may call it if we don't have enough interest by certain date – later in meeting confirmed we have plenty of interested & tables reserved, we will go forward & tables will continue to sell, no rain date because the farmers market starts the following week, Book Fair will be open during the Yard Sale too – we will not have a truck to pickup left over items, people must take all their things – we will sell Spiritwear too

Treasurer's Report

Nicole Sweat

- Budget – fundraiser \$ not deposited yet because not received check – everything else in budget is accounted for, Teacher Appreciation \$ will come out soon, Coach Starling has not requested much from her budget either, but Field Days are coming too

Vice President's Report

Lauren Klocko

Secretary's Report

Katherine Dare

- Email the minutes 2 days ago (busy with fundraiser, sorry for delay!)

Spiritwear

Autumn Morton & Natasha Sidwell

Apparel will go on clearance

Needs someone to operate the Spirit Wear table during the Grand Event 11 – 2 pm

Selling at yard sale

- Will sell spiritwear at the Grand Event – Autumn is taking off that Friday – to ask Larissa to charge the pad
- Sold \$250 recently, Kindergarten Rally, Wax Museum, Awards Ceremony – put some on sale

Volunteer Coordinator

Kacie Tilley & Betsy Casebolt

- Signup is out for Book Fair – Set up day is there tomorrow & will send more soon
- Betsy is sending out a new signup for Field Day

Leader In Me

Kacie Tilley

- See above

Dads Group

Brandon Tilley

Dads Group will open doors Friday, April 28th

School Store

Helen Parris

- Kevin says Helen sold the last of it yesterday & the store is closed for the year
- Helen discounted everything.
- Amanda and Kacie will take over next year as the 5th Grade parents

Fundraising Committee (The Rock & Fast Pass)

Katherine Dare & Emily Householder

Fun Run recap/Update

- We raised more \$ than we did pre-COVID with Boosterthon – every volunteer was crucial & I could not have done it without – Our earnings are over \$35k
- More of those parent light up sticks or something for parents to use (didn't buy pom-pom type things because they were way more expensive)
- Close off the bleachers to parents, force them into the middle
- Tunnel was critical – must have it every year!
- Coach Starling was amazing – Specialists, all of them made the run for us, each of them – we owe them BIG TIME

- Maybe in the Fall – M/W/F – still prizes, but not distribute every day to give volunteers a break & ability to work

SPAC Meeting

Katherine Dare

- Skipped so we can get to give Amy more time with Staff Appreciation

Staff Appreciation Committee

Amy McKinstry & Katie Rusert

All the things!!

- Friday, May 12th – Field Day – Admin gets their Day (not PTO’s day)
- Thursday, May 11th – Snack Day – Bundt Cakes, Staff can choose their orders, we’ll send out the form just like we did with t-shirt sizes, default is vanilla if they don’t get it back to us by a certain date (Friday, the 28th maybe), not going for the tiny ones, we’re getting the good-sized ones!! We’ll place the order, pick them up from the company & hand deliver to staff on that day.
- Wednesday, May 10th – Breakfast Day – Assortment Day – Bagels (Joeys, we will buy) – Cream cheese, jellies, jams (toasters? Kevin will go look for the toaster after the meeting) – Yogurt, granola & fruit – Juice & coffee – PTO coffee = Set up 6:45, Clean up 9:00
- Tuesday, May 9th – Taco Fiesta – Taco Tuesday – Beef & Chicken – (make sure bean & veggies for the vegetarians) \$800+ – Limeade & limes (Tracy will cut limes) – set up time, 10:30 – finish eating at 2:00 (warming dishes? Kevin will go look for the toaster after the meeting) – Katherine wants to make them a drink
- Monday, May 8th – Chick-Fil-A Day – Staff – 3 large trays, 3 large salads, teas & lemonades, cookie trays - \$497 – set up time, 10:30 – finish eating at 2:00 – Salads from Hot Dog World
- Send email to staff & ask to clean out the Red Hall Workroom fridge & keep cleaned out until after Staff Appreciation Week & also fridge in the – Katherine to ask Ms. Fletcher to send email to staff

New Business

Amanda Ledbetter

- EPI Boxes – list went to them, there is an email with the lists, need to respond to make sure the lists are correct – we get a bunch of stuff if we sell them

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: May 18th @1:00 Last Day of School June 9th

- June 9th, We’re all going to Mills River Brewing straight from school – PTO End of Year celebration!!

Workshop Meeting: _____