

MSES PAC MEETING MINUTES: Tuesday, March 14, 2017

- ❖ A warm welcome from our PAC Treasurer: Coralyn Gauvin
- ❖ Sela Chavez is absent today, Coralyn will run meeting in her stead. We all send well-wishes to Sela!
- ❖ Secretary Report: Anne Huddleston
 1. Approved February's Meeting Minutes
- ❖ MSES PAC Family Game Night:
 1. Volunteers Needed
 2. Sela Chavez – reaching out to Mr. Niebuhr concerning wheelies for Hungry Human Hippo Game.
 3. Questions? Please email Sela Chavez
- ❖ 2017 MSES PAC Fun Run:
 1. Committee Head – Coralyn Gauvin
 2. Christina Krych – preparing 2017 tshirts
 3. Chi – preparing posters
 4. DATE/LOCATION: May 6th at the MSHS Track
 5. Coralyn will hold a separate Fun Run meeting for those interested in helping
 6. Questions? Want to Volunteer? Please email Coralyn Gauvin
 7. This is an even more important event this year, as we need to increase PAC funds to continue to offer the PAC services and funds we have in the past.
- ❖ Grant Farms:
 1. Food is good
 2. Expensive for many families
 3. No cost to us, as PAC, so a great way to receive a kickback without doing anything other than offering it to our school families.
 4. Questions? Please email Margaret Combs
- ❖ Treasury Report: Coralyn Gauvin
 1. Cash flow is in the wrong direction
 2. Maniboo: extra expenses due to the required new game builds
 3. Grocery Cards: As of this year, splitting the profit from grocery card purchases with the school. So, half as successful.
 4. Mini Grants: Double the request for grants this year and we nearly approved them all. Great way to help teachers, but we need to be careful not to overspend.
 5. PAC 2017 Large Project: 3rd Grade Violins Program - committed to this and it is \$7k worth of expense. A larger project than we have taken on in the past. But, a worthy project.
 6. After all expenses are accounted for, we have about \$7k in the bank. (compared to our more typical \$17-20k)
 7. Mr. Vogel: Supportive and appreciative of all PAC's efforts towards the school.
 8. Fun Run: needs to be a great success this year to get back to where we need to be.
- ❖ EDU Kits:
 1. \$107 Edukit Kickback to PAC for using their service.
 2. Typically, edukit kickback funds go into the MSES Playground fund.
 - (a) VOTE: Approve or Decline putting \$107 into Playground fund?
 - (b) RESULTS: Declined. Funds to be put into PAC General Fund.
- ❖ Mini Grants:
 1. Lego Robotics: An unexpected charge of \$50 for shipping. This expense supersedes the Mini grant \$250 maximum requirement.
 2. 4th Grade Science Kits:
 - (a) Hendrickson: 1st half of payment request.
 - (b) Larsen: 2nd half of payment request.
 - (c) VOTE: Approve or Decline Hendrickson 1st half science kit payment?
 - (d) RESULTS: Approved.
 - (e) VOTE: Approve or Decline Larsen 2nd half science kit payment?
 - (f) RESULTS: Declined.
 - (a) VOTE: Approve or Decline \$50 shipping charge?
 - (b) RESULTS: Declined.
- ❖ MSMS Principal's Visit: Ron Hamilton
 1. Ron is a District 14 alumni and has 3 children of his own.
 2. New as Principal to MSMS, but not to Principal position at large.
 - (a) Principal at Sand Creek. Prior Asst Principal at a 4-8th IB program.

- (b) Believes in whole child education.
- 3. Here today because he wants an involved “PAC” program at the middle school.
- 4. Believes that parent involvement at the school during these influential years is critical.
- 5. Values our support and wants to create a vibrant Parent community.
- 6. MSMS 3 Major Projects:
 - (a) Media Center: Needs more books. Most importantly, needs high interest reading.
 - (b) Gym: Needs sound system, better overall acoustics, and murals/vibrancy.
 - (c) Outdoor Spaces: Needs greener and more middle school student friendly areas around the outside of the school for students to be in. 3-5 year project: upper play field, gah gah pit, new basketball nets, etc.
- 7. Inviting all of us to join the MSMS PAC as our students head into Middle School!
- ❖ MSES Principal’s Report: Russ Vogel
 - 1. MSMS great change in atmosphere with our new leadership there – Thank You Mr. Hamilton!
 - 2. Conferences, Spring Break, and Assessments coming up in coming weeks/months.
 - 3. April – ASPIRE assessment: a great assessment that really helps teachers, staff, students, and parents. Helps to see readiness for student success in ACT/SAT. This is a paper and pencil test.
 - 4. District 14 received the Governor Platinum Award for Health and Wellness!
 - 5. MSES Space Night at the Space Foundation was a huge success! Great to see all the families come out for a night of Space and Engineering!
 - a. PAC supported funds to have buses go to and fro from Space Foundation.
 - 6. 5th Grade: Mid Summers Night Dream
 - 7. 2nd Grade: UCCS Insect Program
 - 8. 4th Grade: All Things Colorado Studies and Field Trips
- ❖ CO Chair Vacancy:
 - 1. Elissa Brost needed to step down for personal reasons.
 - 2. CO Chair Vacancy
 - (b) VOTE: Approve or Decline Anne Huddleston becoming PAC CO Chair and Melissa Keeney becoming PAC Secretary?
 - (c) RESULTS: Approved.
 - (d) Melissa Keeney contact information: sixnineracergirl@yahoo.com
- ❖ 4th Grade Night of Excellence:
 - 1. 4th Grade has lots of field trips within the CKLA curriculum.
 - 2. Many students in need of scholarships.
 - 3. Donations of items for auction/raffle are welcome.
 - 4. Donations towards scholarship fund are always welcome.
- ❖ 5th Grade Science Fair:
 - 1. Judges for science fair needed.
 - 2. Being a judge is a great way to understand the rubrics for your own future student.
 - 3. Friday, April 11th from 8:15-11:30am in Auditorium for training and then on to judging.
- ❖ PAC Attendance and Support Needed:
 - 1. PAC Parent attendance and support is down.
 - 2. PAC Meetings are a great way to stay informed about what’s happening at all levels in MSES, and find out ways you can support your student!
 - 3. Let’s work together to get the word out and to support our students, teachers, staff, and school!
- ❖ **NEXT PAC MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH @ 8:10AM!!!**