**Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2021**

**Meeting called to order at 6:35pm**

* Pledge of Allegiance

**Special Report**

* Nurse Tracey Spicuzza from MES - Thank you for inviting me to the meeting tonight.  I would like to come and request some assistance for the nurse's office.  Over the year we have donations of clothes of times of need when children have accidents, bloody noses, and when they go outside and mess up their clothes.  Donations of underwear and socks have really helped.  We are in need of bottoms for the kids.  Some of the kids do not have the correct clothing for the mentioned times of needs.  I would be asking for monetary help so I can go purchase clothing that we could use.  I would spend $5 per pair for the girls.  I am looking more for sweatpants and leggings that are easier for the kids of our age and though jeans have been a nice donation sometimes they are hard to work with sizing.  I am also looking for more water bottle donations for when students forget to bring their water to school.  The rough amount would be $150 - $200.  This would include the price for clothing and water.

**Secretary’s Report:**

* Laura Benestelli screen-shared the meeting minutes from the March 1st, 2021 meeting.
* Paused for all to review meeting minutes.  No questions on the meeting minutes.
* Call for motion to approve minutes for the March 1st, 2021 meeting.
* Motion by Heather Boyd. Seconded by Stella Eperthener.  Minutes are approved by all.

**Treasurer's Report:**

* The report link was shared in the chat and Laura Benestelli screen-shared it.  Balance as of March 31, 2021 is $49,402.73
* Motion to pay the bills by Stella Eperthener. Seconded by Heather Boyd.  Motion to pay the bills was approved.

**Principal’s Report:**

* Dr. Eckert - Shout outs: All the support we received for the Read-A-Thon.  Family Bingo Night was really fun.  Everyone had a nice time since it was our first time with a virtual bingo event.  Laura & Eleanor for purchasing all the gift cards for the students for the rewards they are doing in the school. We appreciate the time and effort that you put in for that.  Our Title I Parent involvement Tuesday Apr 27th, 6-7.  More information to come.  There will be a group of six options that you can choose from.  Each one will be 10-12 minutes.  There will be a team of teachers that will run the activities.  Planning committee is really trying to make it fun.  May, we are taking PSSA’s.  We were able to push back the assessments which we took full advantage of.  May 3-6 ELA, 10-11 math, 13 & 17 4th grade science.  One small test per day.  40–50-minute sessions a day.  Usually just in the morning.  Remote students do have to take the test in person.  Remote parents need to provide transportation.
* Mrs. Wessel was unable to attend the meeting, so Laura read her report. Thursday April 15th is our Family Engagement Night - Pajama Night. The virtual event will begin at 6:00 PM with a prerecorded overview of the evening by Mrs. Wessel. From there, families will have the option to choose an activity from 4 sessions hosted by a variety of surprise staff. At the conclusion of the night, Mrs. Wessel will provide additional information regarding helpful “how to’s” that will be posted for families. A flyer will be sent to families with the Google meet links. :)

Wednesday April 21st is Kindergarten Screening. WE are so excited to meet the new kindergarteners. Highlander Day will be remote for ONLY MCANNULTY for all learners and contain asynchronous activities for our Kindergarten students because the Kindergarten teachers will be meeting the new students.

**Teacher’s Report:**

* Ms. Douglass - Thankful for the mystery readers.  The whole process went smoothly.  Some of the teachers are now doing this weekly because they enjoyed it so much.  Thank you for the PTO for buying the books for the kids.  We had some confusion with Scholastic, and it has taken some time to get the books here.  Thank you to Laura for all the help.  We are going to start distribution this week on Thursday and we are looking forward to Pajama night this Thursday with our families!
* Mrs. Elm -.  A lot of the same, the kids loved the mystery readers.  We appreciate all the time that went into the readathon and of the mystery readers.  Thank you, Eleanor.  It was really a great way to integrate the remote students with all of this.  Also thank you for the books that we received for the students.  All the students were able to pick their first choice.  Thank you, we know that it takes a lot of time and effort to pull it off.  The kids really did benefit on the reading end of it and all of it helped.

**President’s Report:**

* **5th Grade Committee (Pool Party) -** If anyone is interested in being included in the pool party for the 5th graders at the end of the year.  We are thinking that it probably will not happen this year.  We are trying to have a 5th grade committee.  Last year we purchased something for the 5th graders.  If you are interested, please email me (lmbenestelli@gmail.com).  I would really like to have some help with organizing this.  Eckert - We want to be able to do these things for the kids.  We are having a meeting on Wednesday as an administrative team to see what we are and are not able to do at the end of the year.  The band and orchestra has been approved to be held on the lawn.  You are able to bring your own folding chairs.  Dates are not being announced for these yet.  We are trying to think outside of the box and figure things out.
* **Staff Appreciation -** There are a few people that have already reached out to chair this.  Dr. Eckert, are you able to fill us in on restrictions for this year?  Can we provide lunches or drop things off at the school this year?  Dr. Eckert: We have brought food in, Chick-Fil-La, and Panera.  I am pretty sure we can set up a delivery.  We would like a grab n go.  Have the person's name on it.  Laura: We still want to be able to tell you how much we love and appreciate the staff.  We will think outside of the box for this.

**Committee Reports:**

* **Audit Committee (Kim Bonelli, Dana Bush, Liz Quinn) -** Kim Bonelli: I am newer to the PTO and I work for an audit committee.  July - December 2020 was looked over.  One deposit related to the purchase of the lanyards came a few months later.  The ladies are doing a really great job.
* **Family Bingo (Jessica Carlson & Lauren Moore) -** Lauren Moore: A lot of the credit going to Jess.  We had over $500 dollars in donations.  Everything came together well.  All the teachers in every room did well making it their own.  Overall, it was a great success.  We are hoping that next year we can get back to in person.  It was a great success.
* **Nominating Committee -** Mrs. Elm: The nominations for the slate are: No nominations for Secretary or Volunteer Coordinator.  If you want to put in your name for these two positions, you can come to the May 3rd meeting and stand up. We reopened it last Friday and we received a few more messages of interest.  Mrs. Elm, Mrs. Wessel, & Lauren Nort decided on the following people for the slate:

President - Laura Benestelli

Vice President McAnnulty - Dana Bush

Vice President Whitehall - Jenn McClellan

Treasurer - Eleanor Wilson

Secretary - Still open

Volunteer Coordinator - Still open

* **Read-A-Thon (Eleanor Wilson) -** raised $18,978.  We received $14,233.50.  Total minutes read was 304,246.  Thank you to Dave Green for making the thermometers that were hung up at MES and WES.  Thank you to the secretaries, the parents, and all the principals.  We could have not done this without you.  Prizes are in, but some are missing, and I had to contact the company.  I am hoping to be up there this week for prizes.  I am also planning on coming up to deliver the gift cards.  HUGE thank you to Laura, I could not have done this without her.  Reading for the kids is the goal.
* **Spirit Wear -** Laura Benestelli - it is up and running.  We have orders in.  You can personalize some of the items on the list.  Please give us feedback on what you would like to see in the Spirit Wear Store for the upcoming Fall. So far Spirit Wear sale has 17 orders with a profit of $189.54.
* **Ways & Means (Angie Grand & Allison Pascarella) -** The Easter Sarris Candy ended on March 31, 2021.  The total sales were $3,444,31.  The profit that we made from the sale was $861.08.

There were some people asking about the flower sale for this year.  This is not something that we can pull off with COVID this year.  We are going to hope for this for next year.  We are sorry if you were looking forward to the flowers.

* **Yearbook MES (Kristy Pierce & Liz Quinn) -** Kristy Pierce: Book is completed and submitted. It is set to ship the week of May 21st. Jostens said we will talk more closer to that date. We still have some extras that can be purchased on a first come/first serve basis.
* **Yearbook WES (Rhaina Immekus) -** nothing to report.

**New Business:**

* **Attendee Questions:** Stella Eperthener, motion to approve Tracey request for $200. Tracy Dolwer 2nd the motion.  Everyone unmuted and said “I” to approve Tracey’s request.  Nobody said ‘Ney’.  Tracey’s request for $200 for the clothing and water for MES has been approved.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:31PM

Motion to Adjourn Lauren Moore, 2nd Tracy Dowler .