

# PTO MINUTE NOTES:

## Agenda for Tuesday February 16th for PTO

### 1. Welcome

Those in attendance via Zoom: Emily Burke, Shannon Douglas, Victoria Gainer, Stacy Kain, Lori Layton, Kristal Miller, Missy Paup, Suzanne Shearer, Michelle Walters

### 2. Review minutes from last board for approval

Minutes are now posted on the MES PTO website and Facebook page.

### 3. Teacher Appreciation

- a. Weekly reminder email is working great!

Snacks are coming in regularly to keep the faculty room supplied for the teachers.

- b. When would the teachers like me to have a food truck come by? I was thinking once it gets a little warmer like March/ April

Yes, wait for a warmer day – maybe have Scoops as the next food truck.

### 4. Spirit Wear

- a. Going with Josh Jordan – [www.717spirit.com](http://www.717spirit.com)

- b. PTO has agreed to pay for Spirit wear to a display case. This will include the following items that the school can then give away as prizes at the end of the school year.

- i. Sweatshirt, t-shirt, ladies t-shirt, blanket, red l/s t-shirt, tumbler, synch sack and baseball cap

The PTO will donate a spirit wear basket for the raffle (included in the basket are the above items, minus the sack and cap).

At the end of the year, the items in the display case can be given to students as rewards/prizes – Ms. Kain will be in charge of this.

### 5. Teacher Favorite Sheets

- a. This is completed and has been uploaded to the website!
- b. PTO will continue to remind family members this is available

Parents/Guardians can use these sheets if they plan to send something in for the teacher/classroom. This will be kept updated as teachers come/go.

### 6. Spring Fundraiser

- a. Silent Basket Raffle – Virtual through Rally

Up! <https://go.rallyup.com/messspringraffle2021>

Website will have photo of each basket with an itemized list of basket items. Customer may choose how many tickets they would like for each basket and they pay online. The website goes live on March 15 and will be open for 2 weeks.

- b. Michelle has created an account for us!
- c. We will have three tiers of tickets – Gold, Silver and Bronze

- i. DEFINE Dollar amounts
- d. Basket pick up from teachers will be Friday February 26<sup>th</sup> after school.
  - i. Need volunteers to help me collect  
Shannon and Lori and others will be picking up the baskets on Friday, Feb. 26 at the school. They will be categorizing them and taking pictures of everything. If anyone is interested in helping with this, please contact the Mountville PTO.
- e. Upload of photos will be the weekend and through the following week  
Baskets will be labeled as the Name/Theme of the basket – no teacher names will be included.

There will be a minimum of 5 purses to be raffled.  
We have 23 teachers signed up to create baskets.  
There are also community donations that will be part of the raffle.

- f. Donation collection: I have four parents: Melany Radel, Ang Mast, Lyz Arndt and Liz Ciarrocchi helping
- g. Extra baskets have already been promised from the following places: Color Street Nails (Dana Blair), GC basket for Kristin Thomas, PTO Spirit Wear Basket, Board and Brush, Sardina Dental Group, 2 more from Lyz that I still do not have all the information yet.
- h. Have the License ready to go for the event but will not submit until March 1<sup>st</sup> – Lori is handling
- i. Write up to send around to the classes – Michelle Walters and Shannon Douglas to write up and get to the school to hand out the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March
- j. Marketing:
  - i. Merchandiser – cost is \$79 3x3 for 2 wks or 3 3/8inchx 3 3/8 inch for \$119 or \$161 for color
  - ii. WGAL – Emailed a reported but have not head back yet
  - iii. LNP – Cost would be \$495 and can apply for a grant to cut price in half for a ½ page reveal
    - 1. We also discussed running a story that I would need to pitch
    - 2. Also spoke with my friend who is in PR and she recommend we write a who, what, where column and send to all the events sections for TV and newspaper.
      - a. *I would be happy to write up but can I have someone submit to all the local stations?*

Feel free to share this school fundraiser in neighborhood websites or Facebook pages. Share with friends and family. Share on personal Facebook pages. Shannon has created a press release – if anyone needs this to share, please contact her at [sdouglas@igus.net](mailto:sdouglas@igus.net)  
For anyone without internet access for the basket raffle:

Forms will go home with students with a bottom tear-off part where families can make their ticket requests and pay with check or cash.

The cash and checks will be put into the PTO checking account and then Lori and Shannon will enter the raffle ticket information into the website for each family and pay with the PTO debit card.

There will be a large posted in the school vestibule displaying all the baskets. This way, those without internet access will be able to see the baskets before purchasing raffle tickets.

We will also share a link to the raffle website in the 4pm emails and on Facebook.

The goal for this fundraiser is to spend less than \$1,000 and to raise \$5,000.

**7. Book Fair**

- a. Coming March 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 12<sup>th</sup>
- b. I have ordered the book flyers and they should be in the office
- c. I will make a flyer to attach on how to order online

**8. Missy Paup Tori Grainer comments – Teacher Report**

- a. What are your needs
- b. What is going on in the school

**9. Stacy Kain – Principal Report**

The school would like to do something school-wide – some sort of virtual assembly or something similar? Bring something in to the school to add some joy and excitement to the school.

Ideas?? Suggestions??

**10. SPAC update from Michelle Walters**

Parents are encouraged to contact their local representatives regarding PSSA's.

The 2021 school calendar was discussed. It is waiting for board approval. Tentative dates – August 24 – May 27. No scheduled snow days built in. Asynchronous learning days would be used instead.

Graduation plans were discussed. Possibly have it outside with smaller groups of students over several days, probably at the High school stadium.

Next year, the plan is to not have teachers teaching both in-person learners AND virtual learners. There will be a teacher dedicated to just teaching the virtual students.

Hempfield SD and Penn Med – joining together to have Covid testing in the school buildings.

The district is looking at having a Cyber school for our district – in conversation with the board. The plan is that it would be both asynchronous and synchronous. A cyber program for our students with our curriculum.

**11. Open the floor for Comments**