

Mountville PTO Meeting: Tuesday October 19th, 2021

1. Welcome

Those in attendance: Shannon Douglas, Tom Hillyard, Kristal Miller, Missy Paup, Suzanne Shearer, Michelle Walters

2. Budget – Update on Expenses this month

- a. What expenses did we have this month

Michelle gave an update on the budget – expenses and income. Currently waiting on checks from Isaac's, Scoops, Laserdome.

4th grade field trip for this year – State Museum is now charging – we received a quote of \$320 plus \$160 for the Planetarium. Buses will cost about \$700. This expense was approved by the PTO.

3. Dan Doutrich – Request Money for a GAGA PIT

- a. A local boy scout has offered to donate his time to build this
- b. Dan is planning to go before the school board of October 26th to present the idea
- c. Looking for the PTO to cover all costs - \$2K to \$4K
- d. Shannon's research on portable Gaga pits:
 - i. <https://www.gagaballpits.com/portability-solutions/>

GaGa Ball Pit System

Measurement Wall To Wall

Pit Shape	Using : 8ft Boards	Using: 10ft Boards
HEXAGON – 6 walls	14.5 ft	18 ft
OCTAGON – 8 walls	20 ft	25 ft

It was decided that the PTO would like a presentation from Mr. Doutrich with more information, especially on the logistics of this.

Dr. Kain's input was that she would like to see MES have a gaga pit.

4. New ways to ADVERTISE

- a. The PTO can only advertise EVENTS through the 4pm emails
The PTO was told that it can no longer advertise fundraisers or donation requests thru the 4pm email. The SPAC representatives will ask why this rule has been made. The PTO needs to be able to fundraise in order to pay for the opportunities for the students that we are required to provide so why can't we advertise the very things that help us raise the money we need?
- b. Need to send same type of email templates to the teachers and ask for them to send out in their weekly emails

- c. Do we have someone that could communicate with the office to make morning announcements by the students?
- d. What about a poster

5. Fall Fun Run

- a. Official Run date – Tuesday **October 19th** – **How did the run go?**
The Fun Run went really well. Great weather and the kids had fun!
- b. **What is the schedule for handing out the prizes?**
Prizes will be handed out at or after the assembly.
- c. **Will there be an assembly?**
Yes, there will be an assembly. It will be scheduled when Dr. Kain is available and there is an available day for the school to hold both a morning assembly and an afternoon assembly since not all classes can fit in the gym at 1 time.
- d. **What is the secret award The Dr Kain will be doing?**
It is a secret that will be revealed at the assembly!!

6. Classroom Coordinator

- a. Waiting for conferences to be over to collect the lists
- b. Emily – can you make up a general email to welcome the class coordinators?
 - i. How would you like to handle communication?

This is still being worked on. It will all be set up next month.

7. VIP DANCE – Fall Theme Friday November 19th 7 to 9pm

- a. Cost to attend: \$3 students \$5 parents – **CHANGE** - Cost will be \$5 per family.
- b. Hire a DJ to oversee the event- in the past the cost was like \$150
The question was raised – does the DJ have to have clearances?
- c. Have a photo booth – requesting donations for fall themes things
- d. Snack bar – parents donate snacks – drinks, candy, prepackages chips and cookies
- e. Sell glow sticks \$1, rings \$2 and balls \$3
- f. Create a sign-up genesis for donations and volunteers
There is a group of 4 women who had a meeting to discuss the dance. If you would like to help with the dance, please email the PTO.
All students **MUST** have an adult with them to attend the dance.
Spirit sticks will be for sale during the dance – 2/\$1.00

8. Family Dinner/ Fun Nights

- a. All dates are on the calendar for the year!
- b. Chipotle Dinner night 10/20 and The Craft Factory is Friday October 22nd

9. Scholastic Book Fair

- a. Virtual Book Fair going on through October 21st
 - i. Sending weekly reminders through FB and teachers' emails

10. Teacher Appreciation

- a. Most things have been purchased by families for the Teacher snacks and breakfast. Still need fresh things for Friday morning.
Breakfast will be set up for the teachers in the faculty room on Friday morning, Oct 22 during Parent/Teacher conferences.
- b. Who is available to help set the room up – Shannon and Lori will be setting things up.
- c. Looking to get flowers and tablecloths too

11. Teacher Favorite Sheets

- a. Need to update the sheets and pull retired teachers off the website
- b. Obtain sheets from new staff members
Kristal will be working on this.

12. Grade level t-shirts

- a. 717 Spirit was not able to work with us to get t-shirts because of the short supply chain; however, Emily has a friend that can-do t-shirts for \$5 to \$10 each
- b. Cost to set up the Website will be a one-time fee of \$150 to \$200 to set up the store
- c. Waiting for the email link to be created for sending out to parents to place orders. There will be a 2-week window to place orders and then we will have to separate out by class
- d. Missy mentioned that the PTO should buy extra to have for prizes
More to come on this.

13. Giving Tree – Confirm that the office staff will be doing on this year

Danielle Foote takes care of this. She will be asked about this.

14. Confirm that PTO will still host the December Power Packs food donations

Dec. 1 – a barrel will be at MES to collect donations.

15. Open the floor for Comments

The office would like some help with the MES yearbook. If anyone is interested in helping with this, please email the PTO. It was mentioned that it would be a great thing for some 6th graders to get involved in, with some adult supervision.