MAHONE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PTSA 10/6/14 Meeting Minutes

There was a great turnout; about 20 people came to this meeting.

Corrections were made to the minutes of 9/15/14 meeting. For the Treasurer, the name Jenny was changed to Jamie.

There was no treasurer's report. Jamie Preston read handwritten notes that was provided from previous treasurer. There is a budget of $3,627.08 (subject to change).

Elizabeth Daghfal will continue with the Mahone Reflections and Julie Balch will take over starting next school year.

Jimano's fundraising dates were confirmed. Mr. Germain sent out an email to the person in charge of the website for Mahone to add those dates in (11/5, 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6 and 6/3). 30% of what is purchased by Mahone families will be given to the school.

PTSA was discussed as to what it is for and why it is a PTSA and not a PTA. PTSA includes student involvement.

Mr. Germain sent out an email to the teachers to get fundraising ideas. We received four responses back which were discussed at the meeting:

1) Speaking for the science area, having additional $$ for STEM LAB supplies (often using simple stuff but lots of it like toothpicks, paper plates, straws, etc.) would really be a bonus. They could just purchase a gift card for us to use to buy science supplies. We could return the receipt with our thanks to the PTSA for the funds.

Also, getting a class subscription to a science magazine for our class would help with alternate reading sources in a time of fewer copies. Another need is expo markers to use with wipe off boards for class assessments. I found a set of boards for the class for 30 cents each on sale, but the markers are 50 cents to a dollar! So this would also help.

Sincerely,

Susan J. Schneck  
6th Grade Science Teacher

2) I wrote a letter to the PTSA asking for money for English Festival. Each school is asked to send money to help defray the cost of prizes, etc. Another thing that I would like to do for the money is to purchase tables and seating for the center area that would make the library more of a learning commons like ITA and several of the other middle schools. Is this something the PTSA would be willing to help with? I don’t have a budget and book fairs only provide so much. J

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Thanks,
Diane
Diane Hilbrink, PhD
Library Media Teacher

3) I would like to see more IPAD's for the special education department.

Shawn Verborg
Cross Categorical Teacher (7th Grade Egyptian)

4) There are some scooters that have handles that the CDS program has been wanting to purchase for gym. I believe we would need to raise about $500 to purchase them, if the PTSA would like to help out or contribute towards the scooters, that would be great!

Thanks for the information.

Kathryn Barnhart
Special Education Teacher

6th Grade Social was discussed; scheduled for 10/16 from 4-6. At least two PTSA officers need to be there. Some parents volunteered to help as well.

Members were suggesting that the PTSA have their own website on the Mahone website. It should be created by a student at Mahone or a high school student (the student(s) will be given volunteer credit).

Teacherslist.com was suggested. It is a listing of what teachers need and parents can access it to see if they can donate items. Parents that can't make the meetings can help out in this way.

My Coke Rewards was suggested to get a free magazine subscription (you can only get one.)

Funding for the English Festival and the scooters were voted on. $100 for the English Festival and $500.00 for the scooters for special ed. department were approved.

Mr. Germain spoke about the probability carnival (games that are created by the students). The budget is $100.00 for each house (7th graders only?). He also spoke about the marquee for the school.

Members suggested that teachers need to come out to one of the meetings and discuss what they need with a budget. PTSA needs to create a table with what teachers need with exact figures.

We need to check on the January 2015 PTSA meeting date. It is scheduled for January 12, 2015.

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