

MITCH Charter School
PSO Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 1, 2015

PSO Leadership in Attendance: Renea Ostermiller, Joleine Sigler, Beth Hudson, Sarah Wiechec (Absent: Michele Vitale, Joanna Shetler, Kate Ark)

Public in attendance: Kristina Vartanian, Kristin Cox, Sarah Gabriel, Melissa Meyer, Duncan Ketel, Dan Tillson, Laurie Blakely

Meeting called to order: 6:35

Review and Approve November minutes

Motion by Beth to approve
Seconded by Renea
For: all
Opposed: none

Treasurers Report – Joleine Sigler

No unusual expenses last month; we had expenditures on the pie order and scrip order. Revenues were as expected—jacket sales, etc. Renea asked if it was difficult to track costs / income for Scrip orders, and Joleine indicated not. Joleine will present the completed November financials at the January meeting, along with the December financials. Kristina Vartanian asked if we will do the sweatshirt sale again? Renea indicated possibly in January but we have to sell a minimum of seven to break even. Sweatshirts arrive two weeks after order closes.

President Report – Renea Ostermiller

Auction website is up and we are starting to look for sponsors—please contact Renea or Sarah Gabriel if you are interested or know of a potential sponsor. Mallee's Kitchen Fundraiser is this coming Saturday, 12/5, make sure you notify the server that you are supporting MITCH Charter School.

Classroom Scholarship Requests

Mrs. Wytman's Classroom Scholarship request – storage cubes and Kindle Fire tablets. Discussion focused on purchasing process—agreed that the school would purchase the items and the PSO would reimburse the school once we receive a receipt.

Motion by Beth to approve Jennifer Wytman's classroom scholarship purchase request

Seconded by Renea

For: all

Opposed: none

Mrs. Ottley Classroom Scholarship request – six Kindle Fire Tablets (purchase five and receive one free per Amazon promotional offer.)

Motion by Beth to approve Sandra Ottley's classroom scholarship purchase request

Seconded by Sarah

For: All

Opposed: none

Renea will contact both Mrs. Wytmans and Mrs. Ottley regarding approval and purchasing process.

Volunteer Coordinator's Update – Beth Hudson

- Starting 12/7, Helpcounter will have the second half of the year open for carline, hot lunch, and recess/lunch monitor volunteer sign ups. Kate will send out a reminder email that day, and post reminder on Facebook to have returning and new volunteers sign up for these positions. We would like to have these positions filled before schools starts after winter break.
- The Book Fair needs a few more volunteers—please sign up on Helpcounter and/or contact Kristina Vartanian.
- The MITCH Safety Team still needs a few parents to volunteer. They need one person to help every third Wednesday from 10-12 at the front desk during safety meetings and one person to help Melissa with a few extra projects around the school. Sign up on Helpcounter and/or contact Melissa with questions. Beth asked if this committee was connected with the

Executive Director's Update – Melissa Meyer

Melissa has met with all of the teachers regarding their individual professional development goals. Based on these meetings, she will keep the PSO updated regarding the Professional Development funding. Beth asked what kinds of activities Melissa anticipates requesting funding for? Workshops, classes in field or going back to school would be typical of possible needs.

Melissa has received one quote for safety blinds (\$12,000); no other bids have come in, but have other resources out. Current bid is likely high, hope to receive others that are lower.

Frontier Garden Plans – Duncan Ketel

In preparation for developing the garden spaces this year, Duncan did a workshop with Growing Gardens. The primary goal of this organization is to start school gardens specifically at low income schools. They offer lots of workshops / training. His primary take away was that we need to redesign our current garden space, and he is looking for input from different groups at the school before he moves forward with master plan. His first step was work with the Middle School students to clean up our current space. They decided they liked the terrace concept, but need more space. Currently they are trying on expand the retaining wall. Also had the soil tested; soil is inadequate so are working on introducing required nutrients and amendments to enhance the garden. Among other things, are beginning school-wide Bokashi composting and will probably have to bring in outside amendments. The next issue to address is what to plant in the terrace garden area: Middle School students developed various proposals, and Duncan is looking for parent feedback on their ideas.

Frontier Field: working on getting a project manager, then need to get into water tests etc. to get conditional use permit....still planning to work with Neighbors Nourishing communities,

Committee Reports: Scholastic Book Fair – Kristina Vartanian

Fair will run Weds – Friday; Saturday pack up 9:00 – 10:00

Her one concern is closing of the financials on it, Kristina will look into it and Renea can help with it as well. Melissa asked about monitoring, especially during the morning pre-carline when students are waiting in the front hall. Volunteers are scheduled to begin at 7:20 which should help with this.

Committee Reports: Auction –Sarah Gabriel

Still looking for sponsors, would like to get a few gold sponsors at \$1000, starting to get donations and those will start to go on the website.

Tickets are available now—have room for 50 couples and 20 singles, does not include teachers, ticket cost is \$35 single / \$60 couple, and that will go up a month before Melissa made three suggestions for paddle raise: school technology (computers for students teachers/PA system), Safety (cameras, security doors, etc.), or Frontier Garden Development. Of these, MITCH Board has approved some money for garden. Melissa prefers technology—teacher computers are four years old and all desktops, laptops would be nice.

Committee Reports: Father / Daughter Dance – Joleine Sigler

Invitation and info about tickets sales will go out on 12/14. Have volunteers but will be reaching out to them for help in upcoming weeks

Committee Reports: Mother / Son Movie night – Renea Ostermiller

Scheduled for Friday, January 22. Will be held at school; Laurie Blakely will let us use her screen. Discussed what movie to show, with the possibility that will let those attending vote? Will have popcorn and a few other snacks.

Guest Speaker—Dan Tilson

Presented about Space Camp Programs—if have core group of interested parents, he would be willing to work with us to enroll a group of MITCH students in Space Camp.

Public Comment

Melissa: please come to the TTSD Board Meeting on 12/14 at 6:30

Adjournment

Motion by Renea

Seconded by Sarah

For: all

Opposed: none

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15