

PTA General Minutes 11/14/17

Meiklejohn PTA General Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2017 at 7:12pm in Main Office Conference Room

1. Call to order at 7:12pm.
2. Approval of Minutes for May's general meeting. First approval Mande Dwyer, Second approval Cindy Scheich.
3. Officer's Reports –
 - a. Treasurer – Carnival update – net \$3500, a little over budget. Restaurant nights have been awesome – still waiting on some checks. Chipotle \$635, Mod Pizza, \$200, Los Arcos check will be picked up this week. Waiting on Chick Fil A check. Social Media – trying to encourage restaurants to do at least 20% back to PTA. Running total twice a year to social media – thanking parents and restaurants.
 - b. President's Report – Keep on your radar that we have board positions coming up next year – will need to be voted on in May. Carrie Cornejo stresses how important it is for our school that we have these positions filled. Without them, we won't have a PTA. Need to get more and more people involved. Nominations to Kennetha Julien!
 - c. Secretary – Talent Show volunteers – Amy Arendt, Elizabeth Corbitt, Emily Hayes to work on it together. Woohoo! Thank you so much! Kennetha to address election results.
 - d. VP Melissa – Carnival date for next year? Amy requested that we not do ponies next year – we can vote on in May. Amy Arendt is doing awesome on after-school enrichment programs. Hip-hop, Little Med School were both really popular. Reflections – thank you to Heidi McLaughlin for scrambling at the last minute to get this all set up! Mileage Club – Mrs. Snyder's class is top! Science Fair is in full swing – kids of all ages are encouraged to participate. Anyone is allowed to attend. Tinker's Night a fundraising possibility?
 - e. VP Grace – Going to get with Elizabeth on some additional businesses to advertise for on social media.
 - f. Principal's Report – Lots of exciting things going on right now! Spark Charge, Staff continued training on new curriculum, Health & Wellness for Staff. New Superintendent has sent out flyers on his new vision for Jeffco – take one and read over this, engage in dialogue on facebook and Twitter with him! Wanting feedback!
4. Reports from Board Chairs
 - a. Advocacy – Brad Rupert, Susan Harmon, Ron Mitchell all re-elected. Votes are still unofficial, but will be finalized by end of November. Working on bills that we will have more information regarding by next meeting, if not social media in the meantime.
 - b. Ways & Means – Spiritwear was delivered today to all classes. Fantastic news – even after we bought all the teachers their t-shirts,

we still made \$5300!! \$2000 will go to Jenna / PE, the rest to PTA! Will do another push/order in February/March of 2018. About 500 classes shirts purchased. For Lost & Found, we have decided to partner with Mabel's Labels – personalized labels for items and clothing. PTA will get a portion of all purchases. Looking for volunteer to organize items, take to charity every few months, and working with Mabel's Labels and getting word out to parents about this opportunity.

- c. Membership Report – Doing really well membership wise – thought to be because of the Directory. Have extra directories that we're trying to sell. Trying to figure out what the accurate percentage is of families in the school that are members. Asking Carrie to send out an email survey asking why families are choosing not to be members. Send thoughts and questions to Lea and Teri.
5. Jen Brandt – wanted to personally thank the PTA for helping sponsor her NYC trip to attend the Lucy Caulkins writing curriculum training this past summer. The highlight of her career! It has been an incredible experience by implementing all that she learned in the classrooms. Twitter #mjohnjeffco handle – follow us, engage with us!
6. Business Spotlight – Suzy and Bob with Tutor Doctor – Education Consultant, taught Spanish from Kindergarten to High School. Positive communication skills. *What would you change about your child's behavior? Confidence? Making eye contact? Kids are irrational, adults have the same fears and emotions, but we have access to tools that help us regulate our emotions to push through these behaviors. We are so driven by our emotions, kids especially. Simple techniques to engage with effective communication with our kids. First step, you can't make a good decision when you're emotionally charged. How do I regulate my emotional self? Rocket Breathing exercise five times to help you more calm. Second step, now you're able to engage in effective communication with your kids. Quick phrases to remember – words are important. Non-judgmental. "I understand that you feel really frustrated (or silly, etc.)." Acknowledge where they are. "So when you do X, it makes ME feel XX. And I would rather that you did XX."*
7. Old Business
 - a. Mark your calendars! Future PTA Meetings from 7-8pm in the school library: January 16th (also restaurant night), March 13th, May 8th
 - b. PTA Volunteer Openings – Business Membership Chair, Talent Show
 - c. Silent Auction not being held this year
 - d. Smaller fundraising efforts that add up – Restaurant Nights, Amazon Smile, American Furniture Warehouse, King Soopers Cards, Box Tops, Longmont Dairy Milk Caps
 - e. Thank you to Mandy D'Ambrosia for our Parent University held in October. Will need a chair for next year. Great opportunity for people to learn more about our schools.
8. New Business
 - a. Box Tops Fall Submission - \$397, next deadline March 1, 2018. Watch all of your packages this fall for box tops!

- b. Teacher Sweepstakes coming this Springs, most likely the week before Spring Break, TBA in January. Also to be auctioning off front row seats for performances, continuations, etc.
 - c. Run 4 Funds – MJ’s largest fundraiser coming in mid-April. Still need a business sponsor at \$750 (or multiple sponsors if necessary) – will be contacting Runner’s Roost, Orange Theory, etc.
 - d. MSA usage for next school year? Be on the lookout for a quick survey. Any suggestions or feedback regarding MSA or survey, please let Lea know. **CHILDCARE would be a huge benefit for parents, and maybe we can get more parents to attend the January PTA meeting???**
9. Upcoming Announcements/Events
- a. Science Fair
 - b. Talent Show
 - c. Upcoming restaurant nights
10. Adjourned at 8:07PM