MHES PTO Meeting Minutes Monday, February 25, 2019, 6-8pm

Attendance: Courtney P., Desiree C., Kerry F-M, Nikki M., Erin J., Erin B., Jennifer J., Latarsha B., Tasha W., Kristy H.

Agenda:

- 1. Financial Report:
 - a. Desiree reported on the income from Snowflake Dance which was projected to be \$1595.00 which exceeded last year's \$1050.00
 - b. All concessions sold out including pizza and craft projects. Other items included rings, bangles, spikes, and butterfly hair clips.
- 2. Fundraiser Nights:
 - a. Tasha reported on upcoming events, including Mod Pizza which is scheduled for June 6, 2019 from 10:30am-10pm. The restaurant will donate 20% of proceeds.
 - b. She is pursuing other events with gymnastics, Sweet 27, and Chuck's Trading post. The group decided to not reschedule the gymnastics event and focus on having administrators guest bartend at Sweet 27 in late March.
- 3. Young Audiences:
 - a. Erin reported that Tony T. is working on scheduling the "International Quilt" to celebrate Diversity Day at MHES
- 4. Snowflake Dance Recap:
 - a. Reviewed above as overall success as fundraiser
 - b. Clickers are needed which would require one volunteer to count attendance as it was assumed to be the same as last year, but difficult to estimate; tickets will be counted to verify
- 5. Budget Meetings:
 - a. Scheduled on 3/11/19 and 3/18/19
 - b. A link on the website is available for suggestions or comments
- 6. Book Fair:
 - a. Courtney reported it has been scheduled Mon., 3/11-3/14 and Mon., 3/18
 - b. Signup Genius will be sent around for volunteers
- 7. Math Night:
 - a. Scheduled Thursday, 3/21/19, from 5pm-7pm
 - b. Sign-up sheets were sent around and Sign-up Genius has been created to send to the larger PTO email list
 - c. Parent volunteers are needed for concessions, and during the Open House, showing prospective families the classrooms.
 - d. Prizes are ready in the PTO closet
- 8. Open Houses:
 - a. Erin B. reported two more are scheduled on 3/13/19 and 4/24/19 and will be advertised on "Nextdoor." Parent volunteers are needed for the one that occurs during the Math Night event

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- b. Generally, 20 people attend
- c. Meet and Greet scheduled for Breidegam's house on Sat., 3/30 from 9-10:30am; it is requested that children do not attend due to lack of space
- d. LiveBaltimore events are scheduled to target families of children on waitlists of charter schools on 3/23/19 and 4/6/19.
- 9. Spring Fling Committee:
 - a. Scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2019
 - b. Planning Committee meeting scheduled every 2 weeks; next mtg on Mon., 3/4/19 at 6pm at Breidegam's house
 - c. Erin J. gave a silent auction update with handouts to distribute to parents in order to get donations for baskets.
 - d. Bounce House was donated
 - e. Erin requested help uploading all logos of donors to add to the Bidding Owl website
- 10. 21st Century School Building Updates:
 - a. Erin B. facilitated discussion of meeting held in gym. She provided handouts with images
 - b. The City Planning Department is needed for funding to make community improvements in conjunction with the new school development.
 - c. A suggestion was made to make Buchanan a one-way street to facilitate drop-off and pick-up which is an on-going struggle with drivers double-parking and blocking lanes of traffic.
 - d. A suggestion was made to use a side street for bus drop-offs, so parents can facilitate more efficient drop-off and pick-up of students.
 - e. Doors open at 7:45am, and the suggestion was made to discourage parents from parking and going inside the building.
 - f. Breakfast availability will remain the same as children can enter the cafeteria to receive a meal.
- 11. Old Business/Questions: none
- 12. Next PTO Mtg.: Thu., 3/14, 6-7:30pm in MHES Library