**MWS PTO Executive Board Meeting**

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Dionne Mitchell

Dionne recapped the PTO’s accomplishments and recognized those who served on the PTO for the 2022-2023 school year. She then introduced the new President of the PTO, Kata Kane. Kata introduced new PTO Officers and member-at-large.

The following members were in attendance:

Officers (Incoming and Outgoing)

Dionne Mitchell

Emily Herstein

Sara Michael Darlington

Kata Kane

Angela Randolph

Kim Campbell

Members At Large:

Andrea Williams

Chantial Featherstone

Drew Moore

Paul Tyng

Faculty At Large:

Dustin Brown (K Teacher)

Guests in attendance – Principal, Lisa Brown and Assistant Principal, Michael Johnson

Minutes were recorded by PTO Secretary, Kimberly Campbell.

Each committee member signed a statement of commitment to the PTO for the upcoming school year. Committee members committed to attending 8 out of 11 Executive Board Meeting. Committee memners will notify either the President or the Secretary if they anticipate missing a meeting.

The PTO Treasurer, Emily, presented the EOY Treasury Report. The committee reviewed the report but there are still a few pending items that need to be closed out prior to submitting the final report. The PTO closed out the year in the green with an increase in funds of approximately $6,0038.

The committee briefly discussed the tentative expiration of our Bloomz subscription. Several concerns regarding Bloomz which were encountered/expressed by our MWS community. This was out second year utilizing Bloomz which had a subscription fee. We are considering going back to using Class Dojo which was used in the past< which has no nominal fee. Committee members may also consider other platforms.

Kata then moved to discussed fundraising possibilities for the upcoming school year, considering previous success of each event.

Principal Brown introduced herself and spoke about her interest in hosting “meet the principal” open days this summer to get to know MWS parents. She wants to use those opportunities to find out what the MWS community feels is going well and things that need improvement.

The committee shared the concerns regarding Bloomz:

-parents weren’t using it

-technical issues

-access/admin permissions issues

-posting issues

SFCC suggested using Class Dojo. Oone feature that is available in Bloomz was not previously available, which is the ability for parents to be able to communicate with each other. This feature is now available in Class Dojo. Further research is needed to determine if this feature is included with the free version of the application, or if a paid upgrade is needed.

It was noted that Bloomz interacts with Infinite Campus and Class Dojo does not have a calendar feature.

It was suggested that a tutorial will be offered to the parents at the Sneak-a-Peek.

The committee is hoping to streamline communication

Principal Brown mentioned that she has access to the District Parent Link which may be helpful with streamlining communication. She suggested that a committee member(s) be given access as well.

It was mentioned that the painted rocks from Raise Craze need to be picked up and perhaps Mr. C can assist with displaying the rocks on school grounds.

Kata shared a handout regarding PTO Committees *(see attached)*