

MTA Guild Meeting Notes

Monday; March 7th, 2016

I. **Welcome –Moryha Banks**

Please check the lost and found because after March 10th we will donate left over lost and found items. Remember to label your things.

II. **Principal's Report – Mike Duff**

There is a parent representative position available on the Site Council. There is a one page application due the Thursday after Spring Break if you are interested in being this parent representative. We have one application now. If we get more than one application, the applicants will speak in front of the Site Council and there will be a vote as to who is the next representative.

For 3rd through 8th grade – the AZ Merit test will be completed on computers this year.

III. **Treasurer's Report – Moryha Banks**

We approved the expenses for the Chrome Book cart. This expense is around \$15K.

IV. **New Business – Moryha Banks**

a. **Nominating Committee – Mara Hayes**

We have one spot open for a co-Vice-President role. This position usually will roll up to the President position on the Board.

b. **Dad's Club – Barton Dunn**

The Dad's Club brought in about \$6500 hundred for the Cornhole tournament. There were 49 teams and the event was a great success.

We will be showing Big Hero 6 at the upcoming free movie night event. You can bring your own food but there will also be pizza and other food/drinks.

c. Spring Social – Moryha Banks

The Spring Social cost \$30 and is at Aunt Chilada's. The cost of the ticket includes entry into the event and dinner. The theme is casino night. There will be a cash bar. An online auction will be ready for everyone to view soon. You can bid on items even if you do not attend the event. You can sponsor your teacher to attend. Flipdunk has an event that same night for kids to be dropped off for the evening. Plus we are looking at getting a code with Uber.

d. Parent Survey Results – Colleen Anderson

The parent survey was completed by 231 households. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. The results show that we obtained about an even number of responses from each grade level.

The results indicated that the preferences for future fund-raising are:
a fun run,
a coin drive, and
selling merchandise.

There was a little bit higher interest in the coin drive over the fun run or selling merchandise.

Regarding a fun run:

The majority said that they would like the Guild to do another fun run.

Regarding Donuts with Dads:

The Madison School District is following the federal guidelines on nutrition and therefore there will be no Donuts with Dads.

Please note that the Guild does not control the volunteer requirements. Volunteer requirements are set by the Site-Council.

Regarding buying pavers as a fundraiser:

Buying pavers as a fundraiser is not an option at this time and we are looking at alternatives.

Regarding donating to the Guild (in lieu of fundraising):

The Guild can accept donations at any time. We are a non-profit organization and we can provide receipts for the donations.

Regarding comments made on the survey about the Guild having a large bank balance and therefore there should be no need to fundraise:

It cost approximately \$90K for one school year. Our goal is to have at least one year of \$90K in reserves just in case we have issues with fundraising in the future.

People suggested a golf tournament. The Dad's Club is open to a future golf tournament. A golf tournament is a lot of work and a strong committee would be needed.

The next steps are to form committees for Fall 2016 fundraising with a focus on a coin drive or fun run.

Please contact Colleen Anderson if you are interested in participating in future committees.

Also, our goal is to work on our 2016/2017 Guild calendar to come up with a schedule that better spaces out events through the year.

Another goal is to increase and improve the Guild communications to parents.

Question: Can we look at doing a fundraiser with Math/Science? Can our school offer robotics competitions or a robotics club?

Answer: The Guild would love to fund a Math/Science or robotics club but we need a teacher to sponsor. Please do the research and provide details for a fundraiser that involves Math/Science.

Odyssey of the Mind is a good example of an after school club but this requires a paid staff member and a parent can be the coach. It could be more enticing to the teacher if we get a coach first and then we can approach Mr. Duff. The Guild could gift the money or the money for the hourly fee for the teacher could come from Tax Credits.

Question: Can we use the Guild newsletter and Facebook to ask for parents to get involved in the 2016 Fall fundraiser committees?

Answer: Great question and we will use the Guild newsletter and Facebook to ask parents to volunteer for next years committees.

One suggestion was made that maybe we can do a survey for the kids to see what kind of fundraising they would like to participate in.

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Meeting adjourned by Moryha Banks.