



2017-2018
Home & School Board MINUTES
January 30, 2018
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Donalyn Kent called the H&S Meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Attendance: Mrs. Barnes, Maria Johnson, Kerry Brophy, Donalyn Kent, Sylvia Fernandez, Tammy Havey, Lissie Hurst, Angela Kellow, and Jackie Rodriguez

Opening Prayer lead by Jean Barnes

- Development Report:
 - Maria introduced Kerry Brophy, new Development Assistant.
 - Gala and Golf Committees, Maria expressed the need for items and donations, communications and brochures are going out weekly, time is of the essence getting the items needed, especially for the Golf Tournament, and gave a brief report on the status. A group discussion followed on various ways parents can reach out to employers, friends that are business owners, etc.
- President's Report:
 - Donalyn apologized for her lack of involvement with H&S since returning for the Holiday break and complimented the members/volunteers that have really fulfilled their leadership roles and again praised the H&S Board for its role in helping MSS shine through the newsletter, website, HRP program, the use of Signupgenius, and "the list goes on."
 - H&S Fee: The group conveyed opinions regarding the introduction of such a fee starting next school year. Many agreed with the notion, it'll help support H&S related cost for things such as the quarterly teacher appreciation luncheons. However, others disagree based on all the other fundraising requests during the year and that parents would rather spend extra funds on student-related activities, such as field trips. Admin will have a separate meeting to discuss the option further and will bring it back to the table next meeting.
 - Other Business: Donalyn asked about the status of the Spirit Store. Mrs. Barnes and Maria confirmed it should be removed from the roster. However, the following week parents will see order forms for MSS t-shirts as another fundraiser for the junior high field trip and 8th grade graduation. Another question Donalyn addressed was regarding the plans for any upcoming Spring Mini-Camps and would there be any specifically for the high school students? Mrs. Barnes confirmed they were planning to offer the mini-camps, but wasn't sure of the types and to what grade levels at that time.
- Teacher Appreciation Events: On behalf of Nancy, nothing new to report. Mrs. Barnes agreed that "Cinco De Mayo" would be this year's theme considering the week-long event follows the actual holiday. Maria suggested the H&S Board should start working on a small sub-committee. Donalyn agreed, commenting on how difficult it was for just her and Nancy to pull the whole thing off last year. Signupgenius was great in regards to food items and the supplies needed for serving ware, but we need to add other positions such as set-up, clean-up, decorations, and Mrs. Barnes added "lunchroom monitors" as well so that no single teacher and/or staff member has to miss out during the teacher luncheon because they are running the student lunch breaks (of course, those volunteers would have to be finger-printed and have gone through PGC), several parents could share the time-slots starting at 11:00 through 1:00. The luncheon can now be held in the new Media Center instead of the library, which will offer more space and a clean-up station prior to moving leftovers to the teacher's lounge. Donalyn also added it was a good opportunity for teachers to use the event to further discuss the facts around the Mexican holiday.



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- Santa's Workshop (Dec 7): A brief follow-up discussion on its success and how well it turned out. Considering it was so much easier and came together "almost" effortlessly with the help of Signupgenius and having a volunteer Chairperson, plans to continue the event again yearly were agreed. Mrs. Barnes and Maria gave a special thanks to JR and everyone that came forward to help from start to finish and all the stuff in between.
- Amazon Smile/Script Gift Cards: Total monies earned from these two programs during the 4th quarter weren't in as of yet, but will be shared with parents as soon as the dollar amounts are available.
- Yankee Candle: Mrs. Barnes reported that orders were significantly lower than usual this year, which lead to a group discussion on alternate fundraising options. The general consensus was that Yankee Candle was just too expensive and unfortunately didn't offer enough reasonably priced selection of items that parents are willing to purchase so close to the holidays. Ideas of more outside-school fundraising events "Spirit Nights," Scrip card sales, etc.
- Spring Musical Dinner: Lissie and Maria confirmed the Maroneys will be hosting the dinner again and that plans to request desserts from parents via Signupgenius (in order to establish various items versus receiving four or five of the same thing) were being arranged and would be communicated soon via the newsletter.
- Home & School Board Leadership Committee Nominations for 2018-2019 – A recap of Nov 28th meeting regarding Lissie Hurst as the new H&S President and the other positions that are up for consideration or are tentative unless new candidates come forward. The group discussed that a two-year term would be appropriate, however wasn't confirmed. Tentatively, Tammy Havey will stay on as secretary and Lisa Renhack as Treasury. The Vice President and HRP Coordinator positions are vital and will need to be filled prior to the start of the new school year. Maria suggested a separate meeting between her and Lissie to discuss further some strategies. Donalyn and Lissie will meet as well and work together closely over the next several months preparing for the transition, and that Past-President will be a new position listed under the H&S Board Roster's Leadership list.

The next H&S Board meeting is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on March 27. Hope to see you there. And remember, MSS volunteers help make Morning Star School shine even brighter!