



2017-2018
Home & School Board MINUTES
November 28, 2017
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Donalyn Kent called the H&S Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Attendance: Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Shott, Ms. Blanchard, Donalyn Kent, Tammy Havey, Lissie Hurst, JR Morgan

Opening Prayer lead by Jean Barnes

- Development Report:
 - Barnes and Shott gave brief Development Report – MSS recently receive another donation, this time for \$8,000. Campaign contributions continue to grow, and the playground is still on schedule.
 - Gala and Golf – committees, Joann and Jamie working on Gala and Golf; Paula will create baskets, but volunteers needed for shopping.
- President's Report:
 - Donalyn commented on the praise she continues to receive from MSS parents regarding the newsletter, website and overall upgrades and changes the H&S Board have helped enhance.
- Teacher Appreciation Events: On behalf of Nancy, Donalyn updated the group regarding status of Teacher Monthly Breakfasts—still very popular. The next breakfast (Dec 6), Signupgenius.com will be out by week's end. Volunteers continue to fill-up the event within just a day or two. Regarding the Teacher Monthly Luncheons, a unanimous decision to make this a quarterly event for each grade level (Primary, Intermediate, Junior High, and High School) starting next school year was determined to more beneficial, and with the introduction of the H&S fee, there will be sufficient funds to cover costs.
- Santa's Workshop (Dec 7): JR reported an email will be sent out by week's end reminding parents about the event and to check student backpacks for more information regarding donations (items and/or money) needed. Items are slowly coming in and are being grouped and priced accordingly. HS students will be assisting the younger students with their shopping. The Santa Shop Signupgenius invite was sent Nov. 9th and each day has more volunteers signed-up for the various positions listed and/or items needed. Decorations for both Santa Shop and Winter Dance will be decorated the day before the workshop and will stay up afterwards for the dance. Gift-wrapping volunteers are encouraged to use up a lot of the old supplies on-hand in order to purge and make room for newer donated items in the future, to include non-perishable type gifts, as well. Gift Cards in \$5.00 amounts will be available, too.
- Thursday Star Bucks (an in-school rewards store): On behalf of Sylvia, Donalyn asked for program explanation and status. Are parents aware and will H&S volunteers be needed? Ms. Schott will be operating the Star Bucks store during school hours on Thursdays. No volunteers needed.
- Yankee Candle: Orders will be delivered and sent home Dec. 5. No volunteers needed.
- Amazon Smile/Script Gift Cards: A form was sent home for parents explaining again how these programs work and their benefit to MSS. The group discussed having gift cards available at the school for on-hand purchases, especially during this holiday season. Lissie will be notifying HRPs and ask them to share the info with their class' parents, also another great idea for teacher Christmas presents.
- Student In-School Activities/Other Affiliated Groups: Donalyn asked about communications to students interested in Student Council, sport try-outs (Christ the King), Dances, etc. Admin confirmed these things are presented to the students during school hours. Members of the group expressed concern that many parents aren't aware of these things and that students aren't relaying the info. Suggestions were made to include more communication about these things via the newsletter and/or website for parents.



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- Easter Lily Sales: Admin confirmed the lily sales will be another fundraising event next Spring prior to Spring break, more info to follow at the start of the new year.
- Home & School Board Leadership Committee Nominations for 2018-2019 – Lissie Hurst will take over as President. Tentatively, Tammy Havey will stay on as secretary and Lisa Renhack as Treasury. A Vice President and HRP Coordinator are two primary positions needed prior to the start of the new school year. Donalyn reminded the group that the position descriptions were listed and posted on the website for more detailed information on each position should interested parties inquire. It's helpful for volunteers to fully understand a position in order to make a realistic decision. The group also agreed to move the HRP Coordinator to the leadership list on the H&S Board Roster.

*On behalf of the Home & School Board,
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
to all Morning Star Volunteers and your families!
Be safe and God bless during the holiday break!!*

The next H&S Board meeting is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Jan 30. Hope to see you there. And remember, MSS volunteers help make Morning Star School shine even brighter!