

MTS Parent Council Minutes

November 3, 2009

Those present: Jeanne Austrian , Louise Zolezzi, Andrea Leavitt, Lizi Cruz, Janet Taylor, Daphne Edwards, Kathleen Weinstein, Kristin Sennett, Eve Wirth, Liz Gage, Liz Wright, Pooneh Yamini, Desanne Martin, Gwyn Thiessen and Kate Mecca.

Jeanne Austrian thanked everyone for attending today, and she called the meeting to order at 8:35 am

Pumpkin Patch

Kathleen Weinstein thanked those who volunteered for the Pumpkin Patch this year, it was a smashing success. The decorations were fabulous and a good time was had by all.

Volunteer Coordinator

Kathleen also reported that there are a few available volunteer opportunities in the Art Room. Please contact Gwyn Thiessen (gwynthiessen@comcast.net) if you are interested in volunteering.

Auction

Louise Zolezzi offered the updates for *Dream A Little Dream*, the Gala Auction which will take place on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the Herbst Pavillion in Fort Mason. All committee chairs are seeking volunteers for their teams. Please contact Heidi Altree (h.altree@comcast.net) if you wish to volunteer. Check in with Solicitations Chair Megan Kuykendall (kkroncke@comcast.net) with donation questions or ideas. Donation forms are available on the MTS website. Please contact Suzy Dominik (kellemsdominik@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in potential underwriting opportunities. The band is booked! Get ready to dance to the tunes of LeVay Smith and her “Red Hot Skillet Lickers” will be performing at our event. All flyers and meeting invitations are being sent electronically this year, please contact Suzy Dominik if you are not receiving e-correspondence.

Performing Arts

The Fall Recital will take place on Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 pm. Preparations for the 4th/5th grade play, **Peter Pan**, are going well. The Costume Chairs and Prop Masters are busy at work. 4th and 5th grade parents are asked to help with set-up and strike. Stay tuned for more details from Performing Arts Chair, Barbara Kessell.

Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch continues to run smoothly, volunteer slots are full and the vendors are all doing a great job.

Walking School Bus

Walking School Bus is off to a great start this year. We walk every Friday, rain or shine. Please send rain gear with your children if storm clouds are looming.

Student Council

Desanne Martin announced that the first trimester representatives have wrapped up their term. Nominations are set for Monday, November 9th. The Food Drive is in full swing to benefit the Marin Food Bank. Please note that the Food Bank requested Macaroni and Cheese donations.

Library

Liz Wright reported that the library is running smoothly. The Book Fair was a great success and it's not too late to it was thanks to Kathy Teree, our librarian, for baking over 100 cupcakes.

Sports

Girls Volleyball and Boys and Girls Cross Country are wrapping up. The 7th and 8th grade Girls' volleyball teams have both made the playoffs. Good Luck Girls! Check the website for practice and game schedules for Basketball! Hoops season has begun. Please contact Shawn Klender (shawnyklender@aol.com) with any questions about MTS sports.

Volunteer Hours

September was a huge month for volunteer hours. Liz Gage thanked parents for submitting detailed reports. Don't forget to track your hours on the monthly school calendar and submit to the office.

Kate's Comments

Kate thanked the parent volunteers for all of their hard work during this very busy Fall term.

The Annual Report is available on the MTS website.

Kate announced the World Language team will be welcoming a Mandarin Teacher from Mainland China to the faculty this January. The Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades will begin studying Mandarin in January 2010. Exciting news!

Next Meeting is January 12th, 2010.