

MINUTES

Madden PTO Minutes October 9, 2018 The meeting was called to order by Ira Domnitz at 6:03 PM.

Attendance

Ira Domnitz Avion Sylvester Kate O'Briant Sharon Sassen Jamie Kastens
Deepa Seetapalli Ritu Balla Laura Lyle Umamah Siddiqui Pinda Romain
Rekha Shah Lauren Allaire Sakina Kamdar Mahwash Khalid Shefali Patesl
Kalynn Ollre Ashley Osborn Lexi Watts Johnny DeJesus Pamela Brown
Karina Magalong

Old Business Approval of September Minutes tabled until November. Hard copies unavailable for meeting.

Principal Brown

- Very good week; thank you for doing Penny Wars
- Dads came through, as usual
- Over 800 people in 45 minutes for Donuts with Dads
 - Some plans for next year -
 - Exit through Extended Day
 - A second early dropoff
 - 3rd photographer
 - Cars very popular (2nd grade dad brought race cars)
- Conferences next 2 weeks
- Tutu & Tie day today; lots of House competition, kids really enjoying it
- Friday night is Movie Night with Oyster Creek, selling chocolate there
 - Peanuts Movie
- Red Ribbon week coming up (Wed – Wed)
- Report cards in a week and a half – Electronic, with sticker card for sign off
- Presence of PTO and all volunteers very much appreciated

President

- Door Decorating Contest (Dec 3-7)
- Holiday Parties December 20
- Completed Events

- Skeeters – 147 tickets, \$882 dollars
- Very well attended
- Spirit Night – Il Primo
- Penny Wars, just completed
- Upcoming – Altitude Trampoline Park
- Involved last week in interviews for Elem 51 Principal
- Once Principal hired (likely January) – Aliana will likely be rezoned

- Looking to create a smooth transition for families when divided out of Madden, create continuity for families and community
- Naming suggestions of school is open
- Lunches of Love – Need to fill 20 spots by Oct 19
- Bagged lunches for children in need

Vice President

- Surveys
 - Sent out last month to determine what sort of projects teachers are interested; combination of online and paper forms
 - 15 for ice machine; 16 for benches; 3 for water fountain
 - PTO will now need to vote on how we would like to move forward
 - Total 37 responses
 - Other suggestions for drapes, guided reading books, playground water fountains, extend car rider covers, funding for Fine Arts
 - Cover would be FBISD approval requirements
 - Benches on order are funded from Chocolate sale last year
 - Looking at creating “Buddy Bench” concept
 - Last year, there was interest in table/bench combinations for outdoor classroom
 - Ira proposed that survey be revisited, with new information from teachers (some unaware benches on order had been approved)
 - 2 week turnaround suggested on survey
 - No appropriate space for ice machine; also prefer project to benefit all Huskies
 - Coach raised the concern that extra benches may create more space concerns, since Madden is already at capacity
 - Impact future growth, as well as space for Field Day, etc.
 - Suggestion that modified survey include suggestion that requests not be building modifications
 - Ira moved to amend survey, Kate seconded; pass by voice vote
- Sponsorship
 - Lots of interest from businesses sponsoring the PTO, putting up banners at own expense
 - Mrs. Brown willing to allow, but we must be mindful of business names being inappropriate for a school

- Suggestions– International School has a single banner with logos
- Also “highlighted sponsor” in newsletter
- We have an extensive list from last year
- This would be an annual or semi-annual sponsorship, rather than a single-event sponsorship that was done for Carnival last year
- Mrs. Brown – Single large banner that's a fixed entity, individual business banners for events
- Drop-off line is a good place – not going to be kids who are driving consumerism

Treasurer

- September Membership dues - \$620
- Spirit Wear - \$1013
- Expenses – Kinder field trip - \$1912
- VIPS - \$97

- Teacher appreciation
- Penny Wars
 - Broke the machine again!
- Finished 4 & 5, middle of 3
- Bank is auditing the machine (we were the first ones to use the machine that day)
 - K-2 was run today
 - Current income \$2083
- YTD – Total income, \$11,210
- Il Primo - \$102
- Kendra Scott - \$670
- Net \$5810 from last year

VIPS

- Last month – Over 750 volunteer hours
- Kindergarten Lunch Bunch over (officially) – Still have some volunteers coming in
- Flu shot clinic – Round 1 this week, round 2 will be tomorrow
 - Too many kids; not enough time
 - Over 20 volunteers for first round
- Art volunteers SignUp Genius still open
- Volunteers of the Month
 - Nawres Al Mahfoodh– over 40 hrs last month
 - Chawalyn Bongat

Teacher Appreciated

- No report – We appreciate Teachers!

Fundraising

- November 14 – Fun run
- Oct 24 will be kickoff for pledging, etc.
- “Husky Hustle” - Looking at sports theme
- Avion and Laura met with Ms. Jackson and Coach today for logistics.
- Need to determine incentives

- Ira asked about funding outlay
 - 7-10% cost, we do all the work, vs. previous nearly 50% cost

Spirit Merchandise

- T-shirts received and sorted
- Pink t-shirts being reprinted
- Total financials will be computed when final invoice comes through
- Want to consider going back to ThreeBuck Threads next year
 - No online sales
- Lauren – Suggest that next year we pre-order blue shirts and sell at Meet the Teacher
 - Jamie - Only catch is the limit of 2 tax-free days of the year
- Hajra also strongly encourages blue shirts being available on the spot, also potentially keeping a blue shirt design static year-to-year
 - Would need to be a determination for next year's PTO

- Pink & Purple will be in soon
- Have been some complaints regarding sizes running large
 - Coach suggested sizing charts for future

Room Parent Coordinators

- Portables are a challenge – Can the inside of the doors be decorated instead of outside
 - Teachers would be ok with it; however, parents decorating during the day would be very distracting. Request decoration inside the classroom to be scheduled sometime when students are not in the classroom / not during teaching time.
 - Will have parents contact the individual teachers for those teachers to organize
 - Mrs. Brown will ask Mr. & Mrs. Madden to judge
- Lunches of Love – Bag Decoration during Holiday Party
- Book exchange & Possible food drive
 - Last year's PTO had to purchase a lot of books
 - Potential suggestion that had been made was to instead of a book swap, do a book/food drive instead
 - Benefit to the larger community outside of Aliana
 - Kate moved to make that change, Ira second; passed on voice vote
- Door Decoration – 1st, 2nd, & 3rd prizes

Media Coordinator

- Rosenberg Lunches of Love supports food deprived families in Ft Bend County
- Reserved 20 spots for an outing to the facility in Rosenberg to volunteer to pack the lunches, bringing the projects full circle
 - Bag decorations, food/book donations, packing
- Date Reserved – November 21 (likely) – booking calendar opens Oct 19
- Age Requirement – 6+
- Food/Book Drive dates TBD
 - Suggestions for after holidays – Perhaps with February Party

BoxTops

- Oct 14 first deadline for us to collect
- Plan to mail first box Oct 21

- Need to send them before November expiration of some of the BoxTops we've collected
- Request Mrs. Brown to please send out an email reminding teachers to turn in BoxTops, also to ask Parents to send in any they may have
- Right now, have \$284 worth of turn-ins
- Thanks those who have been helping to count
- Suggestions for participation incentives
 - Concerns that some teachers may not be turning them in
 - It is hard to get participation from the higher grades

Teacher Reps

- 5th grade t-shirts soon
- Wrapping up 1st 9-week marking period

New Business

- Student Council – new activities
 - Can Drive – November
 - Fundraisers
 - Bringning back stuffed animals at Valentine's Day
 - Would like to advertise on PTO page, to help put promote Student Council projects
 - Request information regarding Student Council projects so we don't conflict
- Coach
 - Thanking PTO for support, helping build trust within the school
- Jamie
 - Lauren created Funding Request form to help streamline the process for any requests from teachers to PTO – Jamie providing to Mrs. Brown for approval
 - Will be creating check request procedure- submit requests by Wednesday to be written Friday
 - Avion asking for clarification of check vs. funding request
- \$50 to member teachers – Classroom Enhancement Fund
 - Reimbursement with receipt
- The teacher wishlist was a grant with ordering through Velma
 - Concern about logistics for getting the funding spent
- Could potentially put it in the budget for next year
 - If money goes through the school, it must be spent through FBISD vendors,
 - If money is handled as a reimbursement (ex: increase Enhancement fund to \$90/teacher), teachers are able to use any vendor they like
- Sakina
 - Teacher favorites form binder is missing lots of information
 - Mrs. Brown will re-run and re-distribute
 - Could teachers perhaps post information in Schoology? Currently, parents must access physical binder in PTO room, which may or may not be manned.

Next Meeting – November 13, 2018

Adjourn – 7:20