

Middleton Elementary PTO

General Meeting Minutes

Middeton Media Center

May 14, 2019 6:30PM

- School update – Assistant Principal Downs
 - Principal Williams is absent due to moving. We wish him well in his move!
 - End of year celebrations and field trips are coming up. Kindergarten and 5th grade graduations are in June – expect the parking lot to be busy.
 - Science MCAs are complete for 5th grade, as well as all other MCA testing.
 - Next Friday will be the first Middleton You Day. Students get to sign up for a class of their choice – dance, arts and crafts, playground, etc., and attend that class next Friday.
 - Kindness month wrapped up with many activities centered around kindness – notes with teachers, chalk on the sidewalk, kindness activities in the classroom, etc.
 - 2019/20 Assessment dates are August 26th and 27th. A link will be sent out along with class placements via Blackboard the second week in August.
 - Only Kindergarten will have an Open House in the fall. Grades 1-5 will have a curriculum night a few weeks after school has started. Watch for more info to be sent out this summer.
 - Kindergarten will start on the first day of school with other 1st – 5th grades next school year.

- School Communicator – Heidi Case
 - The district hosted Erin Walsh who presented on the relationship between children, social media and mental health. A few facts from the presentation:
 - Tweens/Teens spend 53 hours/week on media outside of school/homework.
 - Digital technology is not good or bad – it’s powerful!
 - Ask your children, “What you’re posting on social media, would you also post on your school bulletin board?”
 - Try coaching young kids on digital use.
 - Keep phones out of the bedroom at night as they disrupt sleep.
 - More resources are available on the district website at https://www.sowashco.org/news/latest_news/social_media_and_mental_health
 - Bullying reporting
 - The district has a formal process on how to report bullying. You can report bullying to any district employee via email, phone or in-person, but the preferred way is to submit a formal bullying report form at https://www.sowashco.org/parents/bullying_prohibition_parent_resources

- An investigation will take place and results will be documented. Consequences will not be shared due to privacy laws. A summary letter will be shared back to the parents and forms remain in the Principals/Vice Principal's office.
 - Kids at the secondary level can also report bullying via Tip Text.
- PTO updates/upcoming events – Linzy Nathlich
 - Last week was teacher appreciation week and we thank all who participated!
 - BOGO Book Fair May 20th - 24th – open shifts on Thursday and Friday still! Please take a look at the sign-up genius!
 - Tamarack Tap Room May 21st – a new adult-only event to mingle and meet Middleton parents from 4-10pm. Tap Room will give Middleton Happy Hour pricing and 10% back to Middleton.
 - 5th grade graduation is June 3rd.
 - Yogurt Lab is June 3rd.
 - Kindergarten graduation is June 4th.
 - Last day of School is June 5th.
 - School Toolboxes are available for ordering. You can add a binder to your order, or just order a binder, but PTO will NOT be selling extra binders this year. Last day or order Toolboxes is June 14th.
- Budget update/overview – Liz Willard
 - Proposed Budget for the 2019/20 school year. Significant changes from last year are as follows:
 - Extra funds have added up over the last 5 years, as well as extra income from fundraisers. We work hard to spend the money responsibly.
 - Estimated revenue is \$47,400, with expenses estimated at \$57,475. There are reserves in place.
 - Revenue:
 - We decreased family donations by \$1,000 due to no open house next year.
 - 3M Foundation will donate if 3M employees donate their time.
 - Directories moved from an income item to an expense due to PTO deciding to move to a student directory app format.
 - Carnival income was reduced due to scaling the carnival back – we won't be reaching out to the community as much, but rather putting the focus on classroom baskets.
 - Other events include new adult-only events (i.e.; Board & Brush, Evereve, Tap Room).
 - Expenses:
 - We added more staff in the equation in targeted enrichment.

- Feed the teachers was raised because we'd like to feed the staff more often.
 - Year-end celebration was increased to potentially help fund a grade-wide/classroom celebration.
 - Mustang Pride was added at Principal Williams's request as he'd like to recognize students for showing Mustang Pride.
 - Walk-a-thon next year (no targeted goal yet), but it's in the works and we have many ideas.
 - Questions?
 - Kids Club is understaffed, and a parent is curious if PTO can help fund that program. Jenna will follow up with Bob Lawrence.
 - Deanna Swanson made a motion to pass the 2019/20 budget. Crystal Rylicki seconded the motion. 2019/20 Budget passed.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.