

Minden Elementary PTO Minutes
September 17, 2019

Tiffany Ginocchio, Stacia Almeida, Damasa Miller, Charla Joseph, Holly Jones, Richelle Pegram, Mande Luna, Tonya Charles, Lauren Spires, Kaycee Summers, William Harvey, Wendy Lang, Amy Carter

Motion to approve last month's meeting minutes - Damasa Miller, 2nd by Stacia Almeida, approved.

Volunteer update - PTO bulletin board refresh looks great

Treasurer's report of prior month's expenses by Charla

Funding Request - Lauren Spires, 4th grade. Request for funding for "Global Cardboard Challenge" day (inspired by Caine's Arcade video). Global challenge is October 5th, planning to schedule for MES for October 4th. Plan to gather recyclables from families but need funding for tape and other supplies of approximately \$200. Tonya moves to approve the funding request, 2nd by Tiffany, approved.

Principal's Report - William Harvey, Assistant Principal. School STAR ratings were released yesterday. Last year Minden was a 3 STAR school with 57 points on the state report card. This year Minden has achieved a gain of 15 points, a 4 STAR school. Detailed report is available on the NV Department of Education website under Report Card. Working on setting goals for areas of improvement and achievement based on scorecard.

DPAC Report - Mande Luna. Discussed websites, necessary revisions, accessing email for teachers is limited as a function of security. A question was posed - what are your top concerns with the district? Tonya suggested technology and controls, i.e. we cannot limit the access to websites on the Chromebook. Jacks Valley allows 4th and 5th grade students to apply for positions throughout the school, i.e. flag raisers, referees, cafeteria workers, peace officers.

Walk a Thon kick off assembly this Friday. Prizes - shirts, swim passes and extra recess, kinetic sand, doodle boards, swim party (Saturday), Fly High passes, Heavenly gondola and tubing. Classes that earn \$1,000 will earn a pizza party. Tonya needs assistance finding pizza donations for this - Mande Luna will solicit. If someone offers a large number of pizzas we can add their logo to our shirt if we receive it by 9/25. If the school raises \$20,000, the highest earners and most lap runners per grade level will get to squirt Mr. Still and Mr. Harvey at a wrap up assembly. 25% of each classes funds raised stay in the classroom. Other earning and award incentives discussed. Adults can order shirts for a fee as well. Anyone interested in sorting and distributing prizes, help is appreciated. Planning prize distribution for 10/18 and swim party for 11/2.

Damasa - Amy introduced Battle of the Books to 3-5 grades. This is a team based challenge to read the most books and they are working to create a district-wide competition. Primary and intermediate book clubs will be on the 25th and 26th of this month. Books are read on the MES Youtube page.

Turkey Bingo - planned for 11/15, Amy will ask 5th grade if they want to sell food. Bingo at 6pm, food at 5:30pm.

Adjourn at 7pm