

# Miller Avenue Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization



## Meeting Minutes October 21, 2019

Miller Avenue School, General Purpose Room

### **I. Meeting Called to Order - 6.40pm by Elizabeth Valencia**

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: 4 members plus the 5 members of the PTO Board attended the meeting.

### **II. Principal's Report (Parent University) - Mrs. Claudia Smith**

Mrs Smith welcomed everyone and thanked the PTO for hard work so far this year, being organized and easy to work with and the staff are appreciative.

Mrs Smith is open to any topics or ideas and as an open quorum forum also for Parent University part of future PTO meetings.

Character Counts is this week with colors and themes, and a mis-fit sock day at the end of the week, including a sock donation.

The Fall Festival is tomorrow. Hopefully the weather works in favor.

The Halloween Parade is next week. There is a different schedule this year for Halloween Parade due to time blocks in the schedule. Choral program is a part of the parade from Mrs Brown, the music teacher.

A choral program was added and extended for this year from our music teacher Mrs Brown. There will be 4 performances in February. Rehearsals have begun. The dates are coming soon - it looks to be the week before Presidents week holiday. 1st grade split between two performances, and there will be a Kindergarten performance, as well as a 2nd grade performance. The following year will have the Choral program begin right away in September formalized by the district.

The Lunch program is off and running smoothly and well. The Lunch program is scheduled to end in January and a new service will be provided from the Middle School kitchens. Mrs Smith wants to include volunteers as a part of the new lunch program.

There have been some issues with students on buses. The school are trying to be pro-active with bus problems. Staff have now gone onto buses. There is a new bus of the day announcement and positive reinforcement goals. Mrs Smith is on half of the buses each day also, to encourage positive behaviors.

Mrs Smith has an open door (literally) and wants any feedback or suggestions on topics or open forum discussions. She is looking forward to more good work from everyone and is grateful.

### **III. Treasurer's Report - Lauren Verderosa**

The new fundraiser Frozen 2 Movie will be voted to be added to the budget as a new event today.

The Arts in Education has three programs coming up in the school this year provided by the PTO - Nature Nick on November 8th, Mad Scientist

program 'Spin Pop Boom' (date tbc) and Kaboom Kids January 13-15th 2020.

The LifeTouch pictures check came in today.

#### **IV. President's Report - Elizabeth Valencia**

##### **A. Old Business**

The minutes from September 2019 meeting were approved.

The Kids Stuff Coupon Books fundraiser is now finished - the profit was \$1400, higher than expected. Thank you to everyone who purchased books and a special thanks to Deb for chairing.

The Fall Festival is scheduled for Tuesday October 22nd - weather permitting. There are more dates that work if the weather doesn't work out for October 22nd. Finks Farm wants to make it work with the weather too. Stay tuned on social media and Remind text and Robo-Call to confirm, if this is changed again.

The Book Fair is this week. The evening book fair for families is Wednesday evening. Thanks to Ashley and Erin for volunteering as Book Fair chairs and thanks to all volunteers who helped set up today.

Box Tops are to continue to be sent in please and submitted via the app, as well as the cut out coupons. Extra recess time will be awarded to the grade with most submitted. There will be a tally on November 15th. Thanks Sue for chairing Box Tops.

The Candy Buy Back will happen this month. Please send in extra Halloween candy to school that will be sent to a local orthodontist, who sends overseas and there is a donation of \$1 per pound up to \$250 for the school.

We have a yearbook chairperson(s) for the Year-Book - thank you Tracey for joining the team. There are options of making smaller, soft cover

yearbook this year.

Picture retakes are October 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Kristen for chairing the school pictures.

**B. New business:**

Frozen 2 Movie Showing will be at Island Cinemas in Mastic on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Prices are \$13 per ticket which includes ticket, popcorn and small drink. Costumes are encouraged by all,

The Food Service change update was given from Mrs Smith. The PTO are waiting to hear and will get the information out when known. The district are working on trucks and warming carts and logistics and staffing. The two vendors the PTO currently work with for pizza, chicken nuggets and bagels are willing to extend the current service if there is a delay in the change.

The next Smencil sale is Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup>. Everything is \$1. Multiple items can be purchased.

The next WHAM fundraiser is scheduled at Willow Creek on November 15<sup>th</sup>. All are invited. Tickets are available for purchase online - the link is on the Miller Avenue PTO Facebook page.

The Parents Night Out is planned for April 17<sup>th</sup> 2020. Melissa is the chair-person for this event. Nick and Greg are also chairing and currently seeking venues and prices. This was a big fundraiser in the past with food, drink and raffles, and a good way for parents to interact with other parents and get to know others in the community.

**Other business:**

Please make sure to check our website and Facebook page for up to date important info. There are also flyers printed at the meetings. Please email

the Miller Avenue PTO for any questions and please reach out with any thoughts or concerns.

There was a vote to approve the Frozen 2 movie fundraiser budget line.

There was a vote to change time of the next PTO meeting on November 18th from 9:30am to 6:00 pm.

The sportswear sale update is that there are new items on the Wading River School and there is an option to add Miller Avenue School to the same purchasing site too. The same vendor can then add other items too. The goal is for a sale deadline ready for the holidays. We will receive a link and select either Miller Avenue School or Wading River School and then go ahead and purchase. A request was made to make sure the wording says 'school', so people choose 'school' (not the town they live in), then the delivery and funds raised will go to the correct school. This will be online purchasing so simple for all to enjoy SWR gear for stockings/gifts.

The motion to adjourn at 7.03pm was accepted.

Minutes were recorded by the Recording Secretary, Emma Tees

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