

Mother Teresa Parent Council Meeting Minutes

October 3rd, 2022

Meeting Called: 6:05pm

In Attendance: Aura Street, Cody Young, Andrea Rota, Sarah Franchetto, Jay Pinnel, Jen Pinnel, Airana Lecorps, Sheri Gress, Tiffany Bosner, Candy Roberts, Shaela Knight, Tina Dukeshire and Rayleen Dillabough.

Additions & Approval of Agenda: Approved with move of Bylaw Review to next meeting.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Approved.

Old Business:

Medicine Hat Meat Traders Jerky Fundraiser: As of today, we made \$5,100 and \$2,550 of that will be profit.

Halloween Dance: Dance will take place in the gym the afternoon of October 31st. School is providing the music, Leadership Team is supplying a photo booth and Parent council will decorate with streamers and balloons and purchase 2x \$10 gift cards per class for a total of 10 classes (\$200.00) for the best costume contest. Teachers will reach out to parents to provide a snack for the day which is to be given in the classroom. It was brought to our attention that Lays will donate chips for a school event, however a volunteer will need to pick them up the day before the event in Lethbridge. We will save this option for a different event.

Online MTS Clothing Store: We will run the store all through the school year and highlight it in the fall, prior to Christmas and before school ends for the year. There is no cost to set it up online. Wishlist: Hoodies, hats, ¾ zip golf jacket, joggers, coffee mugs (Yeti), toques, lanyards (break away), water bottles, raglan (baseball shirt). Jen will send an email to get it all setup.

Art Auction: Feedback came back from teachers to go back to doing it every other year as there is a lot of work and creativity going into it. The next year will be 2023-2024. We will still plan to do a family fun night.

Christmas Concert: We are booked at the Esplanade December 14th this year. We are scheduled to be every 3rd Wednesday of December going forward.

Munch a Lunch: Everything is set up, there are 2 options for October and we are booking into November.

Parent Association Report:

Friends of McCoy: An anonymous donor donated \$10,000 to the Friends of McCoy to help support building a new facility that will include a theatre, wellness center and new locker room. Said donor will also match donations on October 21, 2022 to go towards this project. This facility will be available to all schools in our division to host all kinds of events and they also plan to rent out the theatre to community groups for theatre productions, recitals and more.

Central Office Report: Our school district had a 128-student increase while the public school is down this year. The international Education Program is going well, there are 72 students in total. There is a new Admin procedure to disconnect from work which was implemented at the end of September and teachers are to not respond to emails, texts or phone calls from 6pm-6am every day.

Reminders: 50/50 and raffles need to follow the AGLC Procedures and we need to try to make one of our fundraisers go to charity. We support Mission to Mexico every year as a fundraiser for charity.

Next meeting is November 28, 2022.

Teacher Report: Mrs. Graf & Mrs. Jackle requested Parent Council's support for the Grade 6 Camp McCoy trip. They are requesting \$50 per student (35 students) for a total of \$1,750 to go towards groceries and admission into the interpretive center. This is up \$10 more per student than last year. However, we feel the difference will be made up this year in our fundraising efforts therefore, Jay made the motion to increase from \$40 - \$50 per student, Airiana seconded and all were in favor. Aura is going to look into the Knights of Columbus Education Foundation to help support the interpretive fees as this is something they had done for us in the past up to \$500.

Principal Report:

Fundraising Guidelines: We can do raffles with Rafflebox and run 50/50's as long as we follow all AGLC guidelines! Jay will look into our account and find our ID to start the process. We are not allowed to do any casino or bingos.

Provincially Mandated Literacy/Numeracy Screening Assessments: This program has been extended into this school year. This is a government funded program and students from grades 1-4 are mandated to be assessed. There were some cuts with funding for subs and another full-time teacher this year however, Aura will keep us posted as things unfold. This program is focused on kids at risk.

Fundraising Ideas for 2022/2023:

▪ MHMT Jerky	▪ Scavenger Hunt	▪ Tiger/Maverick Tickets
▪ Raffles	▪ Clothing	▪ Tops
▪ Paint Night/Knotty Pine	▪ 2x “a-Thons”	▪ Epicure/Sunset Gourmet
▪ RNR Card	▪ Bake Sale	▪ Christmas Garage Sale

Meeting Adjourned: 7:16pm

Next Meeting: November 14, 2022, at 6:00pm in the Learning Commons.