PTA Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 14th, 2017

Welcome - Tanya Streifel
• Thanks for coming
• Handouts
  - Contact List
  - Membership

Principal Update - Bryan McGinley
• Thanks to Tanya & Sarah for their leadership and stepping up
• D4D this Saturday
• 671 Students this year
• Principal Challenge: still going through everything, will pick a date for the event to recognize and the pizza parties (if you completed all three). Thanks to parents who supported it
• School Initiatives:
  - Peaceful School bus (getting the whole staff involved in supporting the bus ride): 3 meetings a year, getting bus drivers and teachers together
  - Wilson Reading: new approach to helping kids with reading problems
  - Lost at School: helping with children who don’t feel like they fit in, how to help motivate and connect with the child
• Goals this year
  - Goals this year:
    - Engage with our students
    - Minnetonka Frameworks: framing what we teach using technology
    - Responsive Classroom Techniques: survey staff and bring in a trainer, helps reduce off task behavior
• Workplace Survey: Minnetonka was listed as a top place to work
• Committed to a positive successful learning environment.

President Update - Tanya Streifel & Sarah Jewett
• Need a talent show coordinator (March 17th at High School): create a committee, grab a friend, whatever...let's make this happen!
• Need a Parent Party coordinator (big spring fundraiser): we are doing more with corporate sponsorship so it won’t be a huge of an event to plan

Treasurer Update - Lisa Goodwin
• Last year parent party $26,477.00
• $19,000 brought in from corporate sponsorship and fund-a-need: so far out of those dollars we have funded...$7000 worth of teacher needs. $5300 left of enrichment grants, going to use this for teachers to help build up their classrooms
• Teachers also get money for other enrichment
• $7300 approx spent through field trips
• D4D is second largest fundraiser so please come Saturday

Fundraising Update - Laura Kottke
• We’ve taken out separate donations for different events - ONE ask and organization is recognized through the year (at events, in signage, etc...)
• $18,000+ in corporate sponsorship
• Plus in kind donations (ex Dominos)
If anyone wants to help with this committing, please step up, corporate sponsorship has grown and we need more help

Recent & Upcoming Events
- **D4D (Tanya)**
  - This Saturday
  - History: started when parents were sick of selling wrapping paper, pizza, etc...so this became more of a family event and then became a color run
  - 16 teachers coming
  - Looking for a chair next year (whether you do color run or something else)
  - Come early to ensure you get a T-shirt
- **Health Screenings**
  - Sign up if you can help
- **Book Fair - Jenny Starkey**
  - Oct 11-13 “Wild West” Theme
  - Grandparents Day on Friday
  - Sign up Genius/volunteer opportunities will be out soon
  - Great event at school, kids can pick out books AND you can buy teachers gifts
  - We get scholastic dollars and we give this to the classroom teachers to use

Volunteer Recruitment - Bob Avery-Babel & Kelsey Lang
- My School Anywhere: new system for volunteers this year, same as directory, all sign ups are together
- Volunteers Needed (immediate): D4D, Cares Events, Room Parents
- Weekly email with snap shot of needs
- Parents of Deephaven Kids: closed group on Facebook
- Need new volunteers, love new faces!

Culture Club - Susan Allen
- Bringing together all the different cultures in our school
- Open to everyone, after school, parent driven
- Tie into something we already love...World Cultural Week
- Start in January & meet mostly
- Pilot year: looking for volunteers

Other
- Minnetonka Foundation is giving a grant to all the schools “The Hub” you’ll see around the school: robotics related, electrical, digital media. Allows teachers to bring hands on to things they are already teaching
- Oct 9th at Peak Travel even to see/learn more about this
- 8:00pm Room Parent Meeting with Tanya Streifel
- Next PTA Meeting November 16th at 7pm in the media center

7:53pm Meeting Adjourned