



General Meeting Agenda

Date/Time: December 8th 2020, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Google Meet

1. Welcome & Housekeeping
 - a. Review & Approve [Minutes](#) from November 10, 2020: minutes approved
2. Teacher Report- Mrs. Loiseau
 - a. Staff appreciated the microwave, Mrs. Loiseau is gifting microwave popcorn
 - b. Staff working hard to keep students engaged and working within guidelines
 - c. How can we support families right now:
 - i. Share resources and keep information in once place
 - ii. Provide resources for all families (new and current)
3. Principal Update (Below) Action item: Colored Pencil Purchase
 - a. Staff appreciation committee will order colored pencils
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Available: \$16,430
 - i. Still need to reach out for Holly Rock refund
 - ii. [PTO Flyer](#) - Outlines what the PTO does and where money goes
5. Committee Updates
 - a. **Decoration:** Chairs - Megin Nicols, Anne Strzelecki
 - i. They are working on some winter decorations
 - b. **Community Building/Family:** Chair-Jen Salisbury
 - i. Currently have 35 Gingerbread kits to put together, will be available Saturday for pick-up
 - ii. Villarina's Fundraiser: As families get used to it and build it into their traditions, hopefully there will be increased interest in the future
 - iii. Supporting Families:
 1. Spring: family book/media club (Allison offering to help)
 2. Share RULER resources

- c. **Staff Appreciation:** Chair-Kelly Macomber
 - i. Movie Bags
 - ii. Teacher [Amazon Wish Lists](#)
 - iii. Room Parents (share survey)
 - 1. Allison will reach out to teachers letting them know room parents are here to support (crafts, bring families together)
 - d. **Fundraising:** Chair- Jessie Lynch, Amy Obolewicz is helping
 - i. Book Fair Earnings for MES: 168.09
 - ii. Panera Night reschedule
 - iii. Labonne's Receipts: over \$300 from February- now
 - e. **Student Enrichment:** Chair- Sarah Spagnola
 - i. Flanders Outreach
 - 1. Offer something complimentary to the school curriculum
 - 2. They have virtual classes, NGSS standards
 - ii. January Home/School activity alongside Fundraising Committee
 - iii. Cardboard challenge: continue the tradition and spirit of this event (Sarah will work with Allison)
 - iv. First Day School Supplies: signed agreement for supply boxes
 - 1. They also have a spiritwear shop the PTO can explore
 - f. **Yearbook:** Chair- Heather Weinbrum
 - i. Call for Photos
6. Upcoming/Ongoing Events & Business
- a. Budget: Importance of voting
 - b. January 12th, 7:30pm: Next General PTO Meeting
 - c. Communicating Info Out:
 - i. Newsletter: please send any info/photos/news to ptomitchellschool@gmail.com to include.
 - ii. Social Media: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter
 - iii. Digital Backpack (email webmaster@ctreg14.org)
 - iv. Sandwich Board in front of school

PTO Principal's Update 12/8/20

1. Team Mitch was formed for our faculty and staff to participate in the CCMC PJ Day fundraiser which is statewide. The suggested donation is \$1 but any donation larger or smaller is welcomed. We have sent out the Fundraiser Flyer to the community to participate. Please help pass the word.

Here is the link to the flyer: [Flyer Link](#)

2. The PTO Gift Bags will be distributed tomorrow, Wednesday, November 9th during the lunch break to all teachers by a small group of elves who will be festively dressed and full of good cheer (pictures to follow). We are so excited to be able to spread the generosity of the PTO with their thoughtful and therapeutic Movie Bundle Gift Bags to brighten up our teacher's day and encourage a relaxing movie night at home.
3. Materials pick up. The foyer at the main entrance to MES has been recently re-organized to make the pick-up of materials for parents a little easier. As you enter you will see beginning on the left hand side and going clockwise a table for each grade level and a bin on top of each table with the classroom teachers name on them. So any instructional materials that need to be picked up will be in that teachers bin including materials from the library. The only exception is that music and art teachers also have their own bins. If you are dropping something off for a teacher, place that in their bin labeled with their names on them. Chromebook pick up will be on the second shelf of the cart immediately inside the door and Chromebook drop off goes in the bin labeled "Chromebook Return".
4. All of MES would like to thank the PTO Decorating Committee and the entire PTO for your generosity and talents in making Mitchell a special place. The decorations look spectacular and always serve to brighten our day. We also receive compliments from the community on how festive Mitchell looks throughout the year.
5. Our Elf On The Shelf campaign is underway and seems to be a great hit. After the read aloud by Principal Komar of the "Elf On The Shelf" book, each day "Flandie", the devious elf, finds his way into a teachers classroom and a video of the teacher(s) finding him is shared with the staff and students daily during the morning meetings. We wanted to introduce a fun and inviting daily inspiration to check in on what Flandie has been up to so, stay tuned.
6. The Social and Emotional Health of our students is a major focus this year and with the pandemic implementing the RULER program couldn't have come at a better time. With daily Mood Meter check-ins for students it gives us an opportunity to understand where our students are with respect to their ability to access their learning by being in a good place emotionally. We also realize that our teachers also need to be in a good place emotionally to be there for their students. We even have a Mood Meter in the lobby for staff to help track the emotional state of their peers. Here at MES we have planned short, fun and relaxing events a few times a week to lift our staff's spirits. One such event is this Friday where we are passing out adult coloring books for staff to color while they socially distance in the café while eating lunch together (which they rarely do). We are asking if the PTO could donate a small box of colored pencils for each teacher to use as we plan to continue this "therapy" activity each week. Please let us know if that's possible on such short notice. (60 boxes)

Thank you for all that you do for us PTO!

Sincerely,

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