

Monroe Elementary PTO Parent Meeting

Tuesday, September 21st, 2021 – 7:00 PM

I. Call to Order via Zoom

A. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87286813395>

B. Attendance: Nancy Dunn, Amy Dreibelbis, Christine Bertsch, Christina Wevodau, Steph Gettys, Tim Preston, Heide Bell, Melissa Biddle, Tara Pyke, Jill Smith, Kristin Bangs, Kristen Duffy, Michelle Braceras, Julia Jackson, Meredith Noel, Francine Foltz, Elizabeth Flickenger, Carin Carl, Jodi Reinard, Ana Luz, Jill Matolyak, Mary Hawkins, Stefanie Dye, Natasha Berkheimer, and Dr. Megan Ward

II. Principal Update

A. Having a great start to the new school year

1. 80 new students this year
2. Still learning routines and procedures
3. 4th grade has field trip-Ag day
4. Movie themed school year
5. Spirit days will be announced

B. Drop off and Pick up

1. 8:50AM Drop off time in AM—Please stay in the drop-off lane
2. Pick-up time varies depending on the amount of kids
 - a. Some days have more than 90 students as car riders
3. Police have been out to checkout lines—gave approval

C. NO birthday treats, edible or non-edible this year

1. School will hold birthdays of the month in the lunchroom at the end of every month

D. Giving Tree will be up this year—If you know anyone in need, please let us know

E. Bobby Rahal shoes and coats online form is out if you know someone in need, or they can e-mail Dr. Ward

F. Reminder to bring earbuds/headphones each day to school

1. We will always accept donations of these items

G. Great start to year, and very hopeful that many people will be involved

III. Treasurer's Report

A. Budget was approved for the 2021/2022 school year

B. Spent about 700 in August and also had some donations

C. Full report will get posted on website each month

D. We are bringing in donations for the walk as well

IV. Committee Reports

A. Committee chairs and volunteers still needed

1. If you volunteered for a chair, someone will reach out to you

2. Kristen Duffy and Chris Patrick are chairing the food truck committee in the spring

3. Paperwork was sent out, but feel free to e-mail Amy Dreibelbis with any information

4. Chairs of Committees will be updated frequently

5. Will also be put on the Facebook PTO page

B. Birthday Books-Dr. Ward will email teachers to see if they have extra baskets for the books

C. Update on Walk for Monroe

1. Walk for Monroe—the biggest fundraiser
 - a. Kids come out to walk the track around the playground
 - b. There are stations, inflatables, treats, hairspray, games, etc.
 - c. Still working on logistics—Carin has not yet reached out to volunteers so stay tuned
 - d. Still need help the night before to write positive messages on the track with sidewalk chalk
 - e. At the end of the Walk, Dr. Ward gets a surprise –past surprises have included being silly stringed, pied in the face, made into an ice cream sundae, ice water buckets, etc.
 - f. We still do not have an answer if we can have parents and siblings at the walk yet but stay tuned

D. Guest Speakers

1. Dr. Christopher will be in November
2. Mental Health expert will be in March
3. Other possible ideas
 - a. Attorney general for internet safety
 - b. Always looking for recommendations and ideas

E. Questions?

1. What would be a good way for parents and students to network outside of school
 - a. PTO Facebook page is a great start
 - b. Parent suggests a Monroe directory
 - Will look into directory and sharing phone numbers with those interested

c. Tara will look into how we can incorporate this into the PTO
Facebook Page

2. Parent asked what needs to be done on the yearbook committee

a. We will be in touch about yearbooks

Reminders:

- Parent PTO meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice