

# **Monroe Elementary PTO Parent Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022- 7:00 PM**

## **I. Attendance**

- A. Christine Bertsch, Tara Pyke, Megan Ward, Liz Flickinger, Jodi Reinard, Laurel Spruill, Jill Smith, Carin Carl, Chris Wevodau, Amy Dreibelbis, Nancy Dunn, Tim Preston, Steph Gettys

## **II. Guest Speaker- Jerry Mitchell, Specialist, PA Office of Attorney General**

- A. Technology devices and children-can be dangerous for young kids- strangers/telemarketers are going to reach them, etc.
- B. So many crimes intercept with technology-so they needed their own specialist to cover these
- C. Their job is to protect the innocent-children and their families
- D. Questions: Is there a certain age to allow a child to have a device? Maturity level? - Always make sure all their find me, etc. so you can always find your child.
- E. Technology is all our children know, and they just aren't developed enough to understand the consequences of technology
- F. Children are extremely smart, but they are not wise or street-smart. This is where predators can trip up our children
- G. Children often feel alone all the way up until highschool
- H. Many Tiktok challenges out there now-Kids are breaking laws, assaulting teachers, vandalism, etc.
- I. Vaping is the new cool thing to do as well as energy drink mixtures that can create seizures
- J. Hidden phone apps-calculator vault that hides things but looks like a calculator
- K. Going live on a phone is exposing everything in your home to everyone in the world

## **III. Secretary's report**

- A. Meeting minutes will be up on the website
- B. Website and Facebook will hopefully be revamped by the end of summer and up to date

## **IV. Treasurers report**

- A. United way donations-if your company has united way, you can donate your donations to us
- B. Hershey Park Tickets-15 extra to possibly give to teachers, and families

- C. Bought a car starter for pickup parents' vehicles that are dying
- D. Bought books for multiple events
- E. Spring Fair has broke even and made about 167.00 dollars-not a fundraiser so we expect to lose money on it

## **V. Principal's report**

- A. We have many people that want to volunteers-we love everyone, but we only have limited spots available to volunteer. Next year will be probably better with this since parents will be allowed into the school to do things like reading to the class, etc.
- B. Friday is Field Day-movie in the afternoon as the Walk for Monroe reward
- C. Spring Concert-May 24<sup>th</sup>, concern starts at 7PM
- D. Kickball game is June 6<sup>th</sup>-rain date June 7<sup>th</sup>-Kona Ice will be there
- E. Kindergarten is all done on June 9<sup>th</sup>, and June 10<sup>th</sup> is the last day for the rest of the students as a half day. Monroe is dismissing at 11:50 AM. Parent pickup will actually start earlier at 11:30 AM at Monroe only
- F. Excited for a normal year next year-many more added activities
- G. We are adding a first grade teacher
- H. We are also adding another extended day Kindergarten teacher
- I. Second grade will be going down to two teachers-one teacher will be leaving us

## **VI. Committee**

- A. Audit is filled
- B. People have really stepped up and filled most of the committee chairs
- C. Art night is going to be virtual this year-looking for an art night chair
- D. Sherisa said there was not enough interest to print a registry
- E. Did not have elections this year-no one nominated themselves
- F. Family dance night was a huge success (VIP Dance)
- G. Food truck Fridays went really well- Will be planning it out well in advance
- H. Screen free week prizes were handed out-The participation reward is going to be a Sweet Frog certificate-everyone will get a giftcard to Sweetfrog, fully donated by Sweetfrog
- I. Spring Fair went well-will have meetings to discuss things we can do in the future
- J. Teacher appreciation Wegmans platters-teachers loved it!
- K. Amazon wishlist for teachers was a hit-May be done twice per year
- L. Walk for Monroe- Dr. Ward got pied in the face!
- M. Parent meetings will be the second Tuesday of every other month. This is a small change from before.
- N. Possible Guest Speakers-Middle School Principal, Counselors, Middle School PTO

O. Parent Mingle ideas are being thrown around -Paint night, get together so parents can get to know other parents, get babysitters, etc.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:20 PM