

October 2017 Martic PTO Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions – Jen Sugra Principal, Jackie Urban PTO President, Lindsay Horton PTO VP, Teachers: Katie Trostel 3rd grade, Melissa Mulder Kindergarten, Kelly Eby 5th grade, Candy Steiner 6th, Brian Plumbo 5th, Sue Frese 2nd, Lori Longenecker Reading, Vicki Fafel 6th, Wayne Martin 4th grade and Amanda Clare – parent.
2. Approval of Sept. minutes - Reviewed September minutes but decided not to vote for approval as a revision was needed. Will vote on Sept. and Oct. minutes at the November meeting.
3. Old Business – Dr. Sugra stated Meet the Teacher night went well. Lots of parents signed up for the blog, received information regarding Title 1. Lots of help with tables. Very pleased with outcome.
Jackie Urban reported her first book fair earned \$1,582.40 for Scholastic. Of that, \$650 comes back to the school in scholastic dollars. It was a trying time learning the book fair ropes and more help is needed for the next fair. Overall, the evening was a huge success.
Fundraiser was launched. Believe Kids and Y-ties. There was a little confusion at first, but most teachers think that has cleared up. Jackie reported she will be putting a flyer in mailboxes soon. Teachers have been turning in coupons as they get them.
4. New Business – Principal taxi. Jackie stated by the end of the day, her and Lindsay would be transforming that red wagon by the door into a taxi. Lindsay discussed the fundraiser national contest. Stated the school would have a chance of winning money (not as much as she originally thought) but still worth a try for \$1,000. The gimmick is to raise hype for the fundraiser. Dr. Sugra will push a lucky student drawn from coupons turned in, and push them around in the “taxi” through the halls. Teachers will have their students lined up outside to cheer them on. Safety Detective assembly (In hot pursuit) will be Wednesday October 25th at 2:30. PTO does not have to sponsor this assembly; it is being provided by a PPL sponsorship.
Next week is Fire Prevention Week. Firemen will be at the entrance greeting kids with their boots for donations. Fire drill at 2:45. Then K-2 will have a fire safety awareness assembly and grades 3-6 will be out on the playground to witness an extrication. Jen will contact Jen Arnold to see about taking pictures.
The week after next is Bus driver Appreciation and Jackie will set up a sign up genius for donations. Stated breakfast was done by Martic parents through sign up genius and had a good response. Parents have been stepping up and helping out.
5. Treasurer’s Report – Derek not in attendance; but board feels register is balanced. Stated we had gone over budget last year, but were trying really hard this year to stay on track.
6. President’s Report – Discussed idea of passive fundraisers at restaurants that give a percentage of profits on a specific date and for a specific time. Freezy Barn able to give 5%. Lindsay booked Wayback Burgers for Dec. 13th from 4-8pm. They will give us 20% of all profits during that time period. Mrs. Mulder checking in to another fundraiser idea called Dream Dinners on Manheim Pike. Sample, select, prepare, then take home. Other teachers are interested in participating. Could possibly earn the PTO a few hundred dollars.
7. Teacher’s Report – Mrs. Longenecker talked about the summer reading reward. The kids who participated went to Leisure Lanes to bowl and then to Freezy Barn where they received a large bowl of ice cream. The kids loved it. Mrs. Frese reported other kids took notice to the reward and were talking about it. Mrs. Longenecker stated writing has been added in addition to

reading. It will be more structured this coming summer. Also thanked PTO for everything they do.

8. Principal's Report – Stated it is mid marking period already. Conferences will be here soon. Forms have been sent out and planning begun. Grab n go dinner will be Thursday Nov. 9th from 3:30 – 7pm. That time seemed to suit everybody.
9. Committee Reports –
 - a. Bingo Night Oct.19th, Jackie stated she would get the flyers out next week. She got the prize baskets all together over the summer. A sign up genius will be posted for goods for the bake sale.
 - b. Food Bank, Lindsay stated going well. Have been enough volunteers
 - c. Yearbook – cover contest should be started soon and posted for teachers to vote. Winner typically announced by November meeting.
 - d. Face book page is still being updated by Tiera Graver
 - e. Boxtops being chaired by Kelly Witmer. Dr. Sugra stated if she would know when collection dates were, she would send an e-mail to the teachers to remind them. Teacher's stated they weren't all aware of days. Jackie will get in touch with Kelly to find out info. She is doing a good job otherwise.
 - f. Scholarships – It was discussed that this will be Kelli Eachus' last year chairing this committee. Discussed possible replacements and Dr. Sugra said she would think about it. Looking for a parent with a young child that would be able to take over for several years. Mrs. Longenecker stated they usually do interviews in one night, so time is flexible. Martic continues to pride itself on giving 2-\$500 scholarships. There is someone appointed by the district to hand them out, so the volunteer does not need to be present for that.
10. Open Discussion – No school Oct. 9th, and 20th; Next PTO meeting Nov. 2nd @ 7pm; Mrs. Mulder asked about the Science Closet budget. She was informed it was the same amount as the previous year (\$500); and it could be attained whenever they needed it.

Meeting adjourned at 0845