

Mackensen PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 18, 2017

Meeting Called to Order at 6:01 PM by PTO President Chuck Palm.

Discussed the voting for Mackensen on the Dow Gives Program. We are competing against 14 other nonprofits for 3 awards from The Dow Chemical Company. We are currently in 2nd place. Everyone vote daily till September 25 on Facebook Dow Michigan Operations Page. Every vote counts. Winners announced September 28 for cash awards.

Secretaries Report – Margo gave the secretaries report from our May PTO meeting

Approved by Stacie Quast

2nd Approved by Chuck Palm

Treasurers Report – Corey Grandmaison, Treasurer gave his Treasurers report. We have roughly \$22,000 - \$23,000 in our account currently. Expenses for the new school year still need to come out; \$600 for each teacher (\$7,200) for field trips, classroom needs, etc., Camp Timbers, Classroom T Shirts (\$1,600) for each class, AR, General Fund, etc.

Tracy McMartin, 5th Grade Teacher attended and presented the proposal for the 5th grade classes getting their own Chrome Cart to share. Cost is \$7,000 - \$10,000. Margo Hernden proposed giving them \$2,500 as a starting point. PTO voted unanimously to give them \$2,500. Tracy and Jeff will look at other ways to raise funds; McLaren Grant, Buffalo Wild Wings, Bake Sale, etc.

Approved by Stacie Quast

2nd Approved by Chuck Palm

Principals Report – Julie Robinson presented her Principals Report. Discussed tentative plans for our new walking track. She and Karrie Marciniak writing grant requests. The track encourages fitness, PE, healthy ideas, new benches, etc. Estimate for track is \$25,000 and fundraising is currently taking place.

If something needs to be posted to Facebook on the Mackensen page, email Julie and she will get it posted.

Julie thanked everyone who attended.

Approved by Chuck Palm

2nd Approved by Stephanie Ward

Teachers Report – In addition to Tracy McMartin attending, Tracy Novak (1st grade teacher) also attended. She proposed a new training she learned in completing her Master's Degree in Reading Literacy. She currently trained the K-3 teachers the new program eliminating spelling tests. Instead of memorizing for a test, they now learn the words. Tracy purchased the 1st set of books with her own money, the training materials. She requested \$300-\$500 from PTO to purchase the materials, set of books, etc. Tracy will look at the publisher vs Amazon to purchase.

PTO unanimously approved the vote giving Tracy the \$300 - \$500 and also her out of pocket costs for the first set.

Approved by Stephanie Ward

2nd Approved by Margo Hernden

Volunteer Coordinators Report – Stephanie gave a volunteer coordinators report.

- Stephanie is working on the day to day items with the start of the school year.
- T shirts have been measured for each class.
- Fall Fundraisers has started.
- Younker Cards \$5 each in the office.
- Smart Cards \$20 each.
- On Line Spirit Wear will be on line in October ready for Christmas giving.
- No more ice cream sales.
- PTO Meetings in the evenings and Coffee Chats during the day monthly.
- Trunk or Treat Friday, October 27.

Approved by Chuck Palm

2nd Approved by Allison Metiva-Wajer

New Business – Remember Monthly Fun Days, September 20 is our first one “Hat Day” \$1 and proceeds go to the PTO Track Fund.

Vote Vote Vote for Mackensen for the Dow Gives Grant.

Approved by Chuck Palm

2nd Approved by Lisa Shaw

Meeting Adjourned at 7:04 PM

Upcoming Dates

1st Popcorn, Friday, September 22 – free from the PTO
October 6 and October 20 next Popcorn Friday's, \$.50 each

PTO October 23 6:00 PM in the Library

October 25 PJ Day Fun Day, \$1.00 and proceeds go to the PTO

Friday, October 27 Halloween Trunk or Treat – details will be sent home

November 3 and November 17 Popcorn Friday's

November 17 Dress Head to Toe in your Favorite Color, \$1.00 Fun Day

December 1 and December 15 Popcorn Friday's

December 2 – December 9 Five Below Fundraiser for Mackensen PTO, 10% of sales go to PTO, flyers will be sent home.

December 11 Dance Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM School Library

December 19 Wear your Christmas Gear PTO Fun Day, \$1.00