

Moraine PTA Meeting Minutes November 2, 2016

Call to Order

- Heather Bell Called meeting to order 6:51 pm
- Srujana Bolger motioned
- Denise Bryan second motion

Approval of September Minutes

- Shelia Geis motioned
- Srujana Bolger second motion

Principal's Report

- Results of NWEA tests come home with report cards on November & June.

Submitted by Dr. Bryan

- In September students presented to the Board of Education. MSTEP results, along with other assessment results were analyzed and shared. Results demonstrate we're making positive progress. Last year teachers focused on differentiating instruction and providing adequate challenge to students at the top of the curve. Results demonstrate that more of these students are achieving at higher levels. We believe the differentiation is paying off.
- In October Moraine hosted an ALICE training event for parents. ALICE is a response protocol for active violence situations. All staff have been ALICE trained. Plans for student instruction about ALICE were shared at the October 24 meeting. Student ALICE lessons will be taught after November 8. No ALICE drills will occur without the student lessons, which were District developed. Parents will receive a listserve message after ALICE drills disclosing the time and date the drill was held.
- On November 2 Moraine students received CSI training on cyber safety through the Michigan Attorney General's office. Book Fair comes to Moraine on November 14. Students may shop during class library time and during parent teacher conferences. The book fair is open until Friday at noon. Parent teacher conferences will be held the week of November 16. Students will have a half day on November 17, November 18 for conferences. Wednesday before Thanksgiving, November 23 is also a half day. Half day dismissal is at 11:55 AM.

Superintendent's Report

No report.

Reports of the Officers

President – Kelly Wessner – no report.

Vice President – Heather Bell - no report.

Secretary – Joy Hudyma - no report.

Treasurer – Jenny Jones

- We met our membership and Penguin Pledge goals.
 - Membership is at 213 members
 - We are just over our \$14,000 goal for the Penguin Pledge.
- Please see Budget to Actual sheets. We are working to spend down \$38,000.

Committee Reports

- First we would like to give a big thank you to Stacey St. Charles and Nicole Swartz for the Family Fun night at Three Cedars Farm, it was a lot of fun.
- The Family Fun Committee is planning a Bingo Night on December 2nd for the next Family Fun night.
- Nicole is short of volunteers for Staff Appreciation this November. Please let Nicole Schwartz know if you are available to help.
staffappreciation@morainepta.org
- There is a SignUpGenius link on the PTA Webpage under Volunteer where you can sign up to show your interest in one of our many committees, including Staff Appreciation.
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4cafa72fabfb6-20162017>
- Legislative – Community Forum Cable on November 8th because of Cynthia Stump's generous time given to volunteer at Moraine, her company ITC has generously donated \$250 to Moraine PTA. A very big thank you to Cynthia Stump and ITC.
- Beautification – submitted by Kelly Masters
 1. BIG thanks to the volunteers who helped make Moraine beautiful this summer and autumn! AND to the numerous families who contributed perennials this fall (coneflowers, irises, hostas, lilies, black eyed susans) for the Entry Sign flower bed and Wildlife Sanctuary. Spring will be even more glorious around Moraine!
 2. Thanks to our 3rd grade Cub Scout Troop (the "Bears") for helping to winterize our grounds by cutting down and bagging 8 lawn bags worth of daylillies from Hannah's Garden, the bus loop, the front road sign, the delivery/service drive and the front of the building.

3. And, thanks to the NPS District Office Operations Department for their support of our Moraine beautification and grounds improvement efforts.

4. There has been interest among some parent volunteers to purchase and install a rain barrel to help with water conservation and specifically for summer watering. Those who are interested in being part of looking into this option over the winter (in preparation for spring) should email me at beautification@MorainePTA.org.

New Business

- Principal Bryan and the PTA executive board have allocated \$500 for allowing for families to apply for and get financial assistance if needed to join PTA or attend PTA activities. We want to support all of our community and make sure every family that wishes to participate is able to.
- Vote to approve allocation of \$500 to budget for Family Fund.
Motioned by Srujana Bolger
Motion second by Shelia Geis
Motion was unanimously approved.
- Box Tops for Education - Moraine has received \$710 income from Box Tops and Campbells Labels for Education. Thank you Penguin Families for turning in your Box Tops and thank you to Karen Gugala for sorting all those little rectangles to submit (estimated 7,100 of them!).

Announcements – none

Adjournment- 7:01pm

- Motioned by Kelly Masters
- Motion second by Denise Bryan

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00pm.