MIMS PTO Meeting

6 November 2019 - MIMS Cafeteria - 6 pm

- Welcome - Nhi Le
  - Approve minutes posted from previous meeting:
- School Admin Updates - Mr. Ying
- SDMC update - Wendy Chung
- Community Fundraiser position
- Financial Report - Jose Gonzalez
- Fundraising
  - Boosterthon update
  - Soirée vs fall festival update
  - CNY Festival - help with live auction items and raffle items
- Communications
- PTO Committees & Clubs - Reports & Volunteers
    https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c49a4a828a7f49-magnet
  - Thanksgiving Pies & Desserts - Thanks to Hospitality committee
    http://mimspto.org/2019/10/30/holiday-deserts-for-teachers-and-staff/
    https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044eacab2faaf0-holiday
  - Yearbook
  - Others?
- Other Upcoming events:
  - Thanksgiving Lunches
  - Turn over for calendar

Minutes

6:07 pm Nhi calls meeting to order

Welcome - Nhi

Welcome to one of our evening PTO meetings - we'll have another one in Spring on 4 March.

Minutes are approved without corrections.
Admin Update - Mr. Ying

Budget - we lost a great deal of funding due to not meeting enrollment

- 699 today (6 Nov) with 800 projected
- 100 students short is over $400k of funding we don’t have
- Had to lose a teacher
- Really need PTO support
- We’d hoped to hire a TA with PTO’s help but we’re not going to be able to; however, we still need funding for supplies and other items, although we do find some $ in a different budget for some classroom supplies and local professional development

Attendance

- Will really help funding if you send kids every day that they’re healthy
- Don’t take vacation during the school year
- Goal is 98% attendance each day
- ES: If you need to take them to the doctor, take them after 9:30

Congratulations to Mr. Doucet and Mr. Lupe who were employees of the month for all of HISD!

5th grade family tour coming next week - 2 sessions - students are welcome on the tour

SDMC Update - Wendy Chung

SDMC met Nov. 4 for our 2nd meeting

- Bernadette Cardenas talked about what SDMC is and does
- Mr. Ying updated us on goals, TEA, STAAR
- Ying told us MIMS passed intruder drill with some areas to work on - parents in school need to obey drills
- Discussed plans for election day safety
- Minutes from the SDMC meeting are available about 10 days after at https://www.houstonisd.org/domain/43289
- SDMC next meeting is Feb. 2
Community Fundraiser - Nissa

- Nobody filed in time to run for this important position last year but now that we’ve updated the bylaws, we want to fill for the rest of 2019-2020
- This person will help with spirit nights, CNY, and assist with some sub-committees
- Nominate by sending an email to parliamentarian and president at mimspto
- The board will vote at our next meeting

Financial Report - Jose

Update from events already occurred - see full current report

- Sociables - $60k was original goal; have about $40k in receipts now
- Spirit Nights
  - CoffeeQ $200
  - Vietopia still waiting
  - Smootea $170
- Mid Autumn - actual spend $1k instead of $2k
- Teacher Appreciation - budget $8100, spent $4400 so far - $3700 remaining
- Teacher Support - budget $23k, spent approx. $10k on art and PE supplies
- At first meeting we budgeted $50k for teacher assistance but as you heard from Ying we can’t use the way we expected so we’ll update you on this when we know
- School supplies $30k cost, have collected $27k so far - reminder we don’t make any money on this - it’s just a passthrough to pay the bill
- Boosterthon, CNY, and other spirit nights are coming up

Committees

- Magnet tours are ongoing through Dec - please volunteer to help give these
- Hospitality committee is giving pies and desserts to staff for Thanksgiving - please sign up to bring a dessert or two
- Yearbook - purchase on balfour.com and also please consider buying an ad to support your kids, the clubs and groups they’re in; ads are available from ¼ page to full page $25 - $200 and keep sending the photos!!
- String orchestra club is new, k-8th grade $150 register by Nov. 17 - must have skills already - not for beginners

Fundraising

- Boosterthon
  - Goal is $27k, to support communications and teacher support
  - Pep rally 11/19, log in at funrun.com - goal is for YOU not to be the one paying but to ask family and friends and businesses
● Fall Festival
  ○ We did a fall festival instead of the soiree because the board this year decided to focus on low spend and put all the money back to the school
  ○ Cost $1k, raised $37160 so far
  ○ Last year raised $51k with cost of $15k

● Chinese New Year
  ○ Coming up - send any auction or raffle items to festivals or fundraising at mimspto.org
  ○ If you want to volunteer to help, let us know

Communications

Need to reiterate that Fb isn’t an official means of communication from either the school or the PTO - if you want to advertise a club or a sign-up or other school events, please share with secretary at mimspto.org so we can get them on the website

Parent question: Thanks to PTO for the all work. We’ve clamped down on parent access to the school - several parents are update about missing book character parade - we would like more access considered for these fun events.
Parent question: Teachers and staff are great but feels like the same parents keep contributing
Parent question: How will the kids be able to use the library?
Ying: Working on this - maybe some hourly folks? Hurdle is that you need an HISD ID to check books in and out
Secretary note: Ying sent out that kids will be able to check in and out on Wednesdays during the day

Concluded at 7 pm

Upcoming Dates

Interested in a sociable? They’re on the MIMS PTO website calendar. Subscribe at mimspto.org/calendar.

November
11/6 - Coffee-Q Spirit Night at MIMS (3-8 pm) and PTO General Meeting 6 pm
11/8 - Early Dismissal at 1:15 pm
11/9 - Yearbook price goes up to $37
11/12 - Middle School Tour for 5th grade parents
11/15 - School store open at lunch
11/19 - Boosterthon Pep Rally
11/20 - 11/22 - Deliver pies & desserts for teacher/staff appreciation
11/20 - Thanksgiving Lunches for Pk, K, SLL, 3rd, 5th
11/21 - Thanksgiving Lunches for 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th
11/22 - Fú Fri-Yay
11/25-29 - Thanksgiving Holiday
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December
12/6 - PTO General Meeting - 8:45 am
12/6 - Boosterthon Fun Run
12/11 - 12/15 - Scholastic Book Fair
12/16 - Deadline to buy a student recognition ad in the yearbook (balfour.com)
12/20 - Teacher service day (students no school)
12/23 - 1/3/20 - Winter Break

January
1/6/20 - Return to school