MIMS PTO Meeting Minutes

October

October 16, 2020
Recording

President’s Update & Welcome - Kelly
Admin update - Mr. Ying
Proposed Budget 20-21 - Jose
Directory - Libby

http://mimspto.org/support-the-pto/join/

Signs - Libby
https://checkout.square.site/buy/6C7SIC2FIQYTCBVSOLBTS33E

Fundraising - Kris & Shavaun
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Calendar & What’s upcoming - Kelly

President’s Update & Welcome - Kelly

● Minimize the tech support you ask for from MIMS teachers and admin - start by asking other parents. If you need help from admin, try asking the MIMS staff listed by Mr Ying for specific items

Admin update - Mr. Ying

● PPE has arrived, including masks, sanitizer, wipes - and will be replenished regularly by HISD based on the school’s needs
● Plexiglass has been installed
● Staffing:
  ○ Having to find long term subs for 1st grade, 3rd grade (Warren retiring), and Ms Wei - do have applicants - just trying to find the right ones
  ○ Also have some ADA applications from teachers
  ○ Hired 4th-5th grade tutor - she’s in background checks and teachers have plan on how to use her services - tutoring will be done virtually
● In Person updates
  ○ Doors open at 8:05; please don’t drop students off unsupervised early
  ○ Dismissal begins at 3:45
  ○ ASP for before and after school is available - sign up is available on the website
  ○ Elementary students enter the front door; middle school students enter the dragon door
  ○ Walker permission form: Walker Permission Form If your child is a walker, please complete the attached walker permission form AND use this hyperlink to
submit the permission form. Please note that you will need your child’s student ID and must use a google account (or your child’s HISD email account) to access the survey.

- We are running a yearbook survey - currently 77% say they would pay for a yearbook; please take the survey if you haven’t already [Yearbook survey]

Parent Q: When will 3rd grade have sub? We don’t know yet, but working on multiple paths to get one
Parent Q: MS A3 study hall? No, keeping the in person and virtual schedule the same

 Proposed Budget 20-21 - Jose

- Jose went over the budget for 20-21 - will be posted on the website
- Cautious budget - planning to break even at $42k budget
- Key fundraising - Boosterthon, signs, CNY, Fun Run, Sociables/MIMS U
- Key expenses - Teacher support, library, teacher appreciation, Planners, supplies, graduation grant
- We do have additional cash in the bank to support any necessary additional items - board can vote on additional items outside of the planned budget

Parent Q: LivingTree isn’t a budget item? Are we abandoning it? No, PTO has paid for it already this year. It would be up to next year’s board to purchase for the next school year.

 Directory - Libby

- PTO is working on the directory - so far we have about 110 families who have signed up
- We hope to have it out by the end of the month
- Please sign up to be in the directory now using the join link:
  http://mimspto.org/support-the-pto/join/

 Signs - Libby

- We are continuing to sell the MIMS Yard signs for $25. You can order online and we will have a delivery date on October 23 from 4-6 pm.
- This is one of our primary fundraisers for 2020
- Buy signs now: https://checkout.square.site/buy/6C7SIC2FIQYTCBVSOLBTS33E

 Fundraising - Kris & Shavaun

- Introducing MIMS U - Do you or someone you know have skills you can share? We are looking for parent, staff, and teacher volunteers to host online classes for our new MIMS U fundraiser. Cooking, gardening, sewing, mahjong, coding, building, yoga, winemaking are just a few ideas. Be creative! If you can do it, please teach it. Classes can last a single session or continue over multiple sessions. You
design your course. **Sign up form is available on the MIMS website** - please sign up to teach a class!

- MIMS Marketplace - we’ll support your small business on our website and through other methods and you’ll give us a percentage of sales. Contact communityfundraising@mimspto.org to participate and look for our first items on the MIMSPTO.org website and store soon.
- Spirit Nights are coming up - Lemongrass for a week in November and we’ll be expanding our Dream Dinners
- Working on some fun family-friendly and socially distanced activities

Parent Q: What about corporations for matching? We do allow that although e can try to advertise that better on the site

**Communications update - Kelly**

- LivingTree is still in process; will not require teachers to use it this year
- Until then, check the PTO website, read Mr Ying’s emails

**Calendar & What’s upcoming - Kelly**

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**Questions**

Q: Coffee morning with Mr Ying - what if we missed?
A: It was recorded and should be posted on the MIMS YouTube. Will continue every second Wednesday.

Q: Data Night?
A: Data Nights will be back in 2020 - we are still planning it right now but will be in an upcoming Ying email - we have to collect the data, train and update the teachers, and then share with families
Q: 8th grade math in Mandarin?
A: Algebra will include Mandarin but not be taught entirely in Mandarin because of beginner track students

Q: Is the planner really necessary for all grades or could we save some money on younger grades?
A: We’ll take that question back to the board for next year

Q: Is there a specific percentage of Mandarin required to be an immersion school?
A: At least 50% and we know MS isn’t entirely there right now - consulting the district and will follow up in the November meeting

Q: SIP plan?
A: 1st version submitted to the district; it’s on the agenda for the next SDMC meeting