

MVP PTA Minutes – Monday, November 5, 2018

PTA Executive Board Present: Robert V. Sofia, President
Dawn Sparacio, 1st Vice President
Daniela Kwiatkowski, 2nd Vice President
Annette Mendoza, Treasurer
Virginia Meller, Recording Secretary

MVP Administration Present: Andrew Burton, Director of Student Services
Invited Guest: Joseph Arbitello, Athletics for CTK and MVP

The meeting began at 6:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

R. Sofia, President Welcomed all and reminded everyone to sign in. Thanked everyone for attending. Thanked previous PTA Board members in attendance.

V. Meller, Secretary September minutes read and approved.

A. Mendoza, Treasurer Provided the Treasurer's Report. The PTA balance is \$3,775.60 and there have been 31 donations thus far.

J. Arbitello, Athletics Mr. Arbitello spoke about the history of the athletic program at MVP. The program began about 4-5 years ago. He stated that the mission is different than that of the "typical" grammar school. The program is about more than wins and losses; it is about preparing for the future. He stated the cheerleaders have been on television three times in 4 years. Some basketball players have gone on to really good high school programs.

He stated that teams are not in a league where everyone has to play. The track team is one of the best in the city with several students (past) looking at Division I programs.

According to Mr. Arbitello part of the mission is that not everyone gets a trophy. This year 144 students tried out for Fall sports and cuts had to be made.

The volleyball "team" is limited in gym time and has not been placed in any league. It is considered an intramural sport and there are other leagues in which students can play.

There has been a soccer field created in the back of the property and soccer will be in the PSAL beginning February 1st. He stated they did not just want to "throw them in a league."

Study hall for MVP students is given the same academic attention as high school.

R. Sofia Fleece survey results included problems with zippers. Last year the fleece were Sierra Pacific and this year they are Columbia. There were quotes from four vendors and Maspeth Press came down in price, so we stayed with them. This year the fleece sizes were expanded to 3XL and hoodies are available. Hoodies may not be worn during the school day. Order forms were available along with samples of all ladies, children's, and men's sizes. Orders placed by October 12th will be available at the November 5th meeting.

Payment through PayPal and credit card have a 3% fee. An email will be sent informing parents when samples can be seen during school.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be December 5-12 and open during Parent/Teacher Conferences. This is different than last year.

The PTA sponsored Halloween movie night is October 26th. Parent volunteers are needed. A permission form will be emailed to parents. A parent contact is required and parents are asked to speak to their children about appropriate behavior and register by the deadline. The event is open to MVP students only. A flyer will be sent via email next week.

Upcoming Events

10/3 MVP High School Fair in CNL 7:00pm-9:00pm for current 7th and 8th grade MVP students.

10/8 Columbus Day-no school.

10/12 Progress Reports online by the end of the day.

10/15 TACHS deadline.

10/27 Queens Safe Disposal Day.

10/31 Halloween costume contest. Two winners in each grade. PTA is providing six \$25.00 Amazon gift cards as prizes.

11/5 & 11/6 Picture Day. Parent volunteers are needed in the mornings.

A. Burton,
Director of
Student
Services

Parents expressed concern over the new schedules that were recently distributed to students. Double periods have been split. Mr. Burton will speak to Ms. Allocca and ask her to send an email to parents explaining the schedule changes. Mr. Burton confirmed that 8th grade has gym twice a week and stated that 6th and 7th grade may have dance class which counts as fitness.

Final Items

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown pre-order for \$8.99 pre tax until 10/20. Each purchase helps the school. Raffle tickets were distributed for the two prizes generously provided by Annette Mendoza and Daniela Kwiatkowski. Box Tops can be collected and given to homeroom teachers. The top two or three homerooms may receive a pizza party at the end of the year. A parent noted that we can also participate in Campbells labels and Stop and Shop A+ Rewards.

The finger-knit scarf made by Annette Mendoza was won by Jamelee Vega and the chocolate basket provided by Daniela Kwiatkowski was won by Aida Granizo.

7:09pm

Meeting adjourned.