

# MCDS Parent Guild Meeting

MCDS Lower School Lobby

November 17, 2009

8:00 am

Parent Guild President Kayte Cunningham welcomed all attendees. Copies of the Agenda and Treasurer's Report were distributed. A sign-in attendance sheet is on file.

**Winter Celebration.** Jana Martin and Nancy Molfenter are spearheading this annual family event, which will be a "Sock-Hop" theme this year. This is not necessarily a fundraiser; breaking even is the goal. Offers to donate will be accepted, but solicited sponsorship will be reserved for the Spring Carnival.

**Family Survey.** Overall results indicate that families are quite satisfied with how the Parent Guild is operating. A couple minor exceptions were noted: (1) There is a perception that socials are better geared for lower school student families; however, it was indicated that the Parent Guild also sponsors upper level or school-wide events such as Middle School socials and hospitality for music programs. Ideas and events for High School students are generated through the Student Guild. (2) The Parent Guild is not open to those with traditional work schedules. Attempts are being made to provide more written communications (Friday File, website, etc.), earlier notices, ideas how to assist outside of typical work schedules, etc. A copy of the five-page wrap-up of the survey is available from the Parent Guild.

## Winter Fundraisers.

- Gwen Bosben is coordinating the Winter Fundraiser which provides revenue of \$10/box of lush chocolates that are handmade of French cocoa and cream. They last up to three weeks without refrigeration. Samples of the delightful chocolates were enjoyed by attendees. Perhaps Valentine's Day will provide another opportunity for this fundraiser.
- Check out the new styles for Spirit Wear.
- Scholastic Book Fair runs Dec. 2-4. Gwen needs volunteers to help from 7:30-8:30 am and 3-4:30 pm.
- Barnes & Noble Book Fair is set for December 12. This even occurs at both East and West Towne Mall locations. Use SCRIP to obtain Barnes & Noble gift cards. Percentage of revenue is based on total sales which includes coffee and food purchases. Tell relatives and friends. MCDS art will be on display and students will perform. Teacher lists for students will be available and posted in the Friday File.

**Share Your Holidays.** MCDS took second place last year and provided 2,000 meals. Though monetary collections do not count toward the contest, they are encouraged as each \$1.00 provides 7 meals. The students are energized about this community-helping event during assemblies. Contests are held, and Ms. Gorman is in charge this year.

**Toys for Tots.** Cynthia Everitt and Cub Scout Pack 329 are coordinating this charitable event that is sponsored by the Marine Corps. The toy that some children receive through Toys for Tots could be the only gift they receive this year. Over 7.6 million children have been served, and monetary donations are accepted.

**Books and Bagels.** This semi-annual, parent-child breakfast is all set for tomorrow from 7-7:45 am. New this year--Parents and children are encouraged to scour through their collections at home and donate books. A contribution of 50 cents per item is suggested, and all funds will be directed to Mr. Jason Anderson for MCDS library acquisitions.

**“Tartuffe” Fall Play.** Performances will be this Friday (7pm) and Saturday (3pm and 7pm) at a cost of \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. Proceeds support the Theatre Department.

**All School Winter Concert.** The Parent Guild provides refreshments for this concert. All grade levels participate, starting at 6:15 pm. Those able to help with refreshments should contact Kim Seaver or Jodi Shehadi.

**Jazz Showcase.** The second annual Jazz Showcase will be December 16<sup>th</sup>. Jon Schipper is a member of the Jeff Peronto Jazz Orchestra that will perform that evening along with several students from MCDS. This is a great marketing event for our school. Flyers are available, and Jen Klug has already taken care of the majority of the public relations/media for this event.

**Treasurer’s Report.** Marmar Miar indicated that current balances are a bit lower than usual, but there have been no real fundraisers to date. The main source of revenue generated thus far has been from the sale of used uniforms, which will also be available for purchase at the Winter Concert. An easy way to help raise funds is to turn in ink cartridges. One business donates their used cartridges which generates approximately \$100/month.

**New Business.** Planning for the 2010 Stepping Stones Auction has started. Mary Dykstra announced the rescheduled planning meeting which will be Friday, December 11, after morning assembly. This will be an opportunity to brainstorm fundraising approaches. Attendance will not require signing up for a committee.

**Heads Coffee.** Following the Parent Guild Meeting, Luke Felker introduced an informative discussion of the English Curriculum at MCDS that was presented by Mark Childs, Beth Hall, and Kristina Luedtke.

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