



Meeting Minutes – September 7th, 2022

General Meeting 1

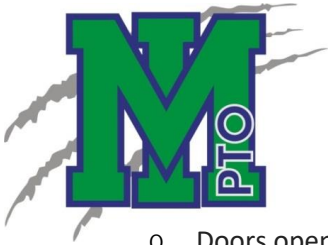
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Welcome

- Welcome – Allyson O'Regan
- Update from Karen Riner, Elementary School Principal given by Mr. Byrum
 - Increased fourth grade to six classes this year.
 - Carline moving efficiently even with these new classes added.
 - Excited to have Parents back for lunches and in the elementary school.
 - Amplify testing wrapping up for K-3 to assess students learning needs.
 - Working on reintroducing extra curriculums for elementary including Lego league and girls on the run.
 - EC department and teacher assistant department has been expanded.
- Update from Gerald Herbert, Middle/High School Principal
 - Two new assistant principals: Mr. Toteno from the elementary school to middle school assistant principal, and Dr. Casey to high school assistant principal.
 - New science teacher - April Morris Butler teaching physical science and biology.
 - New front office admin. Lauren Hackett moved to Civics and Economics and Jon Riley moved to high school.
 - Off to a good start for the new year.
 - Middle school dance Sept. 30 we are looking for volunteers, look for an announcement soon.
 - High school homecoming on Oct. 8th, doesn't typically need a lot of volunteers.

Committee and Event Updates

- Movie Night – Jenny Curry
 - Movie night showing Sing 2 on Sept 16th.
 - Equipment is all rented and ready to go.
 - Purchased Swank license for the year in case anyone else wants to use it.
 - A small volunteer list will go out soon.
 - Free popcorn and hot dogs for all attendees.
 - Please help spread the word and share on Facebook.

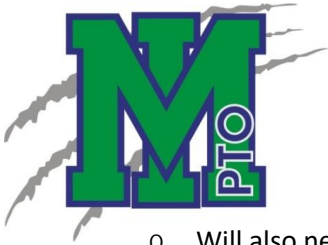


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- Doors open at 6:00 pm, Kids enjoy running around and playing before the movie starts.
- Audience is K-5 but others are welcome.
- Fall Book Fair – Nicole Swanson
 - Sept. 19-23 this year.
 - Volunteer opportunities starting 9/16 – 9/23 will go out Thursday night.
 - Dive into reading is our theme.
 - Upper school students are helping paint some decorations.
 - Will close at 1:30 on Friday to clean up.
 - Please set up an e wallet for cashless shopping.
- Raptor Run – Allyson O'Regan, Kristy Dunker
 - Last year raised over \$148, 000.
 - Pep rally on Monday for K-8.
 - All students K-8 get a t-shirt.
 - Shirt size survey goes out tomorrow, please be sure to fill this out so we can get everyone their correct shirt size.
 - Raptor Run will be Oct. 14th which is a half day for students.
 - Parents are allowed to attend.
 - Volunteer signup will come out about a week before.
 - Fundraising efforts will be used to replenish and maintain the chrome books , support new middle and high school heath initiative support academic clubs.
 - Business sponsors and matching are a huge benefit to us, Sponsor names will be on over 1700 t shirts.
 - Pledge star has a place to enter in matching sponsorships to ensure your child receives credit for the matching as well.
- Fall Festival – Jessica Moore
 - Fall festival to return.
 - Lots of volunteers needed.
 - Planning will be mainly emails and phone calls.



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- Will also need volunteers the day of.
 - Date is Oct. 28th
 - Still in beginning planning stages, lots of games, food trucks, inflatables, and candy.
 - Will charge admission to offset some of the costs.
 - Feel free to stay after to help with initial planning.
- Staff Appreciation – Kristen Houser, Mary Ledford
 - Trail mix bar coming up soon in September and will need some volunteers and donations.
- Elementary School Room Parents – Kristy Dunker
 - Working on getting room parents up and running .
 - Still waiting on a few parents from teachers.
 - Meeting next Wednesday, the 14th at 9:30.
 - Parents are now able to help in the classroom.
 - New spreadsheet for teacher favorites to include all staff.
- Middle/High School Room Parents – Beth Butlak
 - Met with Mr. Herbert about things that needed to be tweaked.
 - Ring ceremony Sept 23rd breakfast provided by younger grade parents for seniors.
 - PTO funds to replace 6-12 honor roll boards.
- Soar Foundation – Jenny Curry
 - The Soar foundation is the non-profit that is separate from the school and they own the land and the buses for the school.
 - The PTO is a part of the soar foundation.
 - Meeting next Monday at 10 am please reach out to Jenny if you are interested.
 - Paying off \$30 million dollars in school bonds and loans.
 - Capital needs assessment just occurred. We will need to set aside \$1.4 million for this.
 - Tim McGinnis taking over sponsorships from Doug Lamkin.
 - If running an event, we are nonprofit so always mention that to make sure they don't offer a discount.
 - Regarding receipts, please keep them and take a picture and send to Jenny.



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- We also have an amazon account that Jenny can order stuff for you from.
- Everyday Fundraisers – Lisa Turner
 - Please relink Harris Teeter VIC cards .
 - We have received \$418 for VIC cards so far.
 - Still working with Amazon smile.
 - Still working on Cocoa Cola and Publix.

Update from Glenn Byrum, Executive Director

- We strive to provide the best education possible for every student.
- Raptor call this past Friday included the school performance grades.
- Our school maintained a B which is outstanding for coming off of covid. We are a very diverse school and this is a fantastic job with all things considered.
- We are in the top quartile of all charter schools and public schools in the state, we do this while being a very diverse school.
- Thank you to all the parents, students, teachers, and staff working hard to make this happen.

Questions/Comments

Dawn Heim has students that can help during the day to gain job experience. These students need job experience hours for graduation. Please email her if you have an opportunity available. Ally will start a thread for this.

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How to get involved: PTO Parent Square Group PTO Facebook Page www.miscsoar.org/PTO
Boosters – www.micssoar.org/boosters pto@micharter.org



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PTO Future Dates

Sept. 16 th	Movie Night	Oct. 14 th	Raptor Run
Sept. 19 th -23 rd	Fall Book Fair	Nov. 2 nd	PTO Meeting
Oct. 5 th	PTO Meeting	Dec. 7 th	PTO Meeting