



# MIZE ELEMENTARY

## PTO MINUTES

October 9, 2023

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Attendees: Amanda Philhour, Erika Kokoruda, Jessica Simecka, Jim Ondick, Deanne Engstrom, Kellie Lawton, Amy Welborn, Melinda Shinault, Sara Nachbar, Emily Seaton, Fabiola Riobe, Gerri Balthazor, Becky Henry, Jessica Kruse

- 1) President's Report: Jessica Simecka
  - Teacher Grants
    - Reviewed teacher & staff grant submissions for Fall 2023; awarded more than \$4,270.
  - Garden/Greenhouse
    - Bids approved. The plan is to break ground before the new year!
      - Greenhouse - 15'x16' structure with stamped engineer plans and warranties.
      - Fencing – 6'-tall steel fence with 3 gates.
      - Concrete Slab/Ramp/Sidewalks
- 2) Treasurer's Report: Deanne Engstrom
- 3) Secretary: Emily Seaton
- 4) Committee Updates
  - Family Events Chair: Kim Schieber
    - Family Movie Night: Sara Nachbar
      - October 19th @ 6:30pm in Mize green space
      - A volunteer signup has been distributed.
      - Concession donations have been received from Hyvee, Walmart, and Costco.
      - A percentage of the concession stand profit will benefit 5th grade farewell party.
  - Fundraising
    - Birthday Board: Jenny McCord
      - Birthday board sign up for child and teacher/staff birthdays is available through the PTO website (<https://www.mizepto.com/birthday-board>).
    - Corp. Fundraising: Erika Kokoruda
      - Skate Night - Oct. 12th
      - Chipotle – Nov. 7th
      - Urban Air – Nov. 30th
      - Pink Charming Sip & Shop – December (date is TBD)

- Hawk Walk: Jill Reynolds/Kim Rosel
  - Friday, Oct. 27th
  - Using Pledgestar fundraising platform to collect and organize donations. Flyers were sent home with students. (<https://pledgestar.com/mize/>)
  - Corporate donations can be made via check or through Pledgestar. The corporate donation instructions are included in student packets and information will also be posted on the Facebook page.
  - The fundraising goal is \$24,500.
- School Supplies: Becky Henry/Jessica Kruse
  - A competitive analysis has been performed and is being reviewed.
  - 1st Day wants a signed commitment form by the end of October for next year if we want to renew with them.
- Spirit Wear: Julie Suttles
  - Shirts distributed to students and positive feedback received.
  - More than \$1,992 raised.
- Passive Income
  - POGO Pass and Raise Right will continue to be promoted via the Facebook page.
- Mizeapalooza: Amy Welborn and Crystal Dechant
  - Event date is Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> with a rain out date of May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Philanthropy: Jennifer Mitchell
  - Kindness Pantry (Jenny McCord): the pantry has been restocked for the month.
  - October: Candy drive benefiting Ronald McDonald House of KC, expect communication/drop-off instructions later this month.
  - December: KVC Toy Drive
  - February: Kindness Week
  - March: Food Drive benefiting De Soto food pantry
- Staff Appreciation Chair: Amanda Philhour
  - Q1 Conferences (Sept. 27th & 28th): Erika Kokoruda
    - Meals and snacks were provided to teachers and they were very appreciative.
  - Holiday Gifts: Hailee Schmidt
    - Dec. 11th - We will provide gift wrapping services for teachers. A sign up will be distributed in early December for wrapping volunteers.
    - Dec. 20th – A gift and gift card to be given to each teacher.
- Website: Melinda Shinault
  - Directory submissions are closed. The directory will be published in Skyward this month.

5) Principal's Report: Gerri Balthazor

*Next meeting: November 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm @ Mize Elementary*