

October 12, 2020
Home & School Minutes

Updates

- 8 voice amplifiers have been purchased for teachers- working very well!!
- Raised \$2,575.87 for virtual learning totes
 - Second set of totes was a total of: \$2,000
- Square account is working really well and many are very receptive to it, especially during the time of Covid.

Treasure update

Janell

- Dictionaries were also bought for Mrs. Minder
- \$43,000 available to allocate towards our projects or whatever else is needed this school year

Project survey results

- From the survey, there were 54 people that responded.
 - As of March, one of the major priorities was 36 classroom windows, Jr. K through 5th. Also, we would need blinds for them. Elementary bathrooms were also on that list as a priority.
- Below you will find the discussions we had from high priority items:
 1. Elementary bathrooms
 - a. Would like to move forward with bidding, possibly in January. Caitlyn Eyberg will move forward with putting together those quotes.
 2. Social studies textbooks (K-5th)
 - a. Kara suggested it and they need to all brainstorm to see what they want
 - b. Reach out to teachers and begin to think about what they would like for next year
 3. Preschool bathrooms- May hold off for now and focus on the upstairs bathrooms only. Another possibility would be to get a bid for both sets of bathrooms and do them all at once.
 4. Windows
 - a. \$47,000 possibly?
 - b. Kurt said he would look into getting a quote going for windows, possibly in January as well.
 5. Outdoor learning area
 - a. Picnic tables were looking into, but decided to hold off at this time.

6. Playground equipment for the lower level playground. Possibly some swings and an added on area, especially for older students.
7. Kindergarten/library closet
 - a. Christmas break project where people can just clean it up
 - b. Fridge and warm up there food
 - c. It was tackled this summer and taken care of, so no need to add this to our list.
8. Stage curtains- holding off for now
9. Exterior grounds- Would like to have a crew each year tackle that during the warmer months.
10. Railing/mural
 - a. Could get a bid to sand the railings and also paint or see if a parent would be willing to do that project.
 - b. Chris Anderson has done many murals for Muscatine, he could be a possibility or other's in our school community as well.

Fundraising

- Tiny Saints Online Fundraising- unable to participate in the fall, due to the high volume of those interested. On list for spring and Beth Johnson will be organizing this fundraising event.
- Auction Update- Kiley & Erin
 - Needing help with the Giving Wall during conferences and on Saturday night as well. Passed around a sign up sheet.
 - Also, needing help with meals on the night of the auction. Passed around a sign up sheet.
 - Auction items:
 - Parent asked about adding a spot to donate bonuses for teachers at the end of the year
 - \$120, 000, \$86,000, & \$50, 000 made from the auction in years past
 - Hopeful to make \$20,000-\$25,000 this coming Auction, since it will be online it is hard to know what to expect.
- Minted Fundraiser- will be organized by Caitlin Eyberg
 - Flyers were all ordered and will be sent out soon
 - Allows the family a discount for holiday greeting cards and give money back to the school.
 - Many enjoyed this opportunity last year

- Phelps- getting some new items added to store for the holiday season. Will promote at the end of October.
 - Hats, bags, and new apparel for kids to wear
 - Shipping can also occur, \$7.00 for shipping
 - Check for \$352 has been made so far from purchases, and we will wait to have the rest of the funds after Christmas time.

Growing Tree

- Pictures of 2nd/3rd graders who made their First Communion in September have been hung up.
- Betsy Tubandt will work on getting a list and pictures of new students to the school for November.
- Holiday family cards will be hung in December

Monthly teacher appreciation nack

- November 6th (11-1). Jessica Waag has agreed to take on organizing this (apple cider, pumpkin bars, and popcorn bar)

Parent/teacher conference meal

- October 20th at 5:30-6:15. Meal will be catered by Sal Vitales. Mandy Crouch is organizing meal
 - 30 Paper Plates- **Dana Wieskamp**
 - 30 Napkins - **Mandy Crouch**
 - 30 Forks & knives - **Kristine Fangman**
 - Individually packaged dessert for 15 people- **Betsy Tubandt**
 - Individually packaged dessert for 15 people- **Erin McLeod**
 - Individually packaged dessert for 15 people- **Jessica Wagg**
 - Dinner mints in a bowl- **Angie Eads**
 - 1 person to set up and prepare the Knights of Columbus Room and meet with Sal Vitales for drop off at 5:15. Also, to make sure they get the check for Konrad in the office to pay Sal Vitales at delivery- **Beth Johnson**
 - 1 person to clean up afterwards at 6:30. Put extra food in plastic bags & in the refrigerator. Also, just to make sure the gym is cleaned up-**Kat Nietzel**

Teacher Wish List

- Amazon teacher wish list- Kim Reesink & Beth Johnson
 - It is now compiled
 - Public wishlist on Amazon
 - Takes parents to a different websites, such as Melissa & Doug or Dollar Tree
 - Hoping to add it to the Friday newsletter, so parents can just click on the link

Trunk or Treat

- Friday, October 30th or Saturday, October 31st in the school parking lot. Cars arrive at 5:45 (RSVP if you are parking a car and will have treats), trunk or treating take place from 6-7
- Should wear a mask if you are unable to social distance
 - Muscatine is having trick or treat on Saturday from 5:30-7:30
- Decorative photo booth by school sign (main entrance)
- Parking over at MHS, if some people are going to be coming and going, the Marching Band is having an event, so we need to think about that and contact MHS.
- Also, could I use the field to set out tables?
- Could be themed for cars as well??

Student Christmas gift & teacher gift cards

- Not a traditional Christmas concert this year- do gifts for St. Nick's (December 7th)
 - Which we could leave on their desks for them when they come in
 - Kindergarten through middle school
 - Emily Wolf will arrange the gifts
- Reach out to staff to find out what gift card they want for the holidays.
- All boxtops need to be in October 22d, get those boxtops in!!

Erin Fields noted that Ella did her service project for girls scouts, raised over \$400 for smoke detectors, which ended up being about 9 total. Awesome job!

Upcoming meetings

- Monday, November 9th @ 6:30 *No childcare
- Monday, December 14th @ 6:30 *No childcare
- Monday, January 11th @ 6:30 * No childcare