



Meeting Minutes – April 6th, 2022

General Meeting 6

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Welcome

- Welcome – Allyson O'Regan
- Update from Karen Riner, Elementary School Principal
 - Class parties will occur on April 13th, no parents allowed to attend class parties due to covid spacing restrictions.
 - Kindergarten orientation will be April 12th.
 - Finishing up new math textbook adoption.
 - Currently running EOG boot camp for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Students will also have additional instruction and be able to retake EOGs if necessary.
 - Summer school is available for students meeting select criteria. Will be focused on literacy this year.
 - K-5 Field day will be the last Monday in May.
 - Job openings for new fourth grade teachers have been posted. Jackie Ewart is retiring, and Amy Harris is stepping down so new openings will be posted for 2nd grade as well.
- Update from Gerald Herbert, Middle/High School Principal
 - Middle school spirit week currently occurring at the same time as NC check ins. This helps the kids destress during testing.
 - Middle school dance is this Friday.
 - Middle school field trips are all day trips this year. 6th grade went to Carowinds, 7th grade is going to Kate Skate and 8th grade is going to the White Water Center.
 - Class registration is open and is due April 13th. Students can register on PowerSchool.
 - The robotics team competed at UNC Pembroke and the robot will be on display in the middle of the high school building next week.
 - Seniors are in Orlando for their Senior trip.

Committee and Event Updates

- Silent Auction – Michelle Halterman
 - Volunteers made Auction a breeze.
 - Donated baskets put together by room parents were awesome!
 - Approximately \$48,000 was raised.
 - The auction committee is working on ways to increase excitement and attendance at future auctions.
- Spring Book Fair – Nicole Swanson
 - Huge Volunteer Turnout – Thank you!!



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- Around \$20,000 in sales which allowed us to buy every teacher's entire wish list and take around \$6,000 for Nicole Gates to spend on new books for the media center.
- Having the book fair during the book character parade was a success.
- Looking at an Under the Sea theme for the fall book fair.
- Mother/Son Event – Stephanie Prettyman, Sydney Wofford
 - Top Golf was a huge hit with a great turnout.
 - Having it on a weekday made it possible for cheaper pricing.
 - Everyone enjoyed it, Mr. Byrum felt like this event was a homerun.
- Father/Daughter Dance - Stephanie Prettyman, Sydney Wofford
 - Just finished shopping for food – chose nut free options.
 - Will be held in the middle/high school gym.
 - Everything going as planned for Saturday night. A few volunteer spots are available, visit parent square to sign up.
 - Expecting a huge turnout.
- Staff Appreciation – Kristen Houser, Mary Ledford
 - Staff Luncheon on May 6th, looking into BBQ.
 - Teacher Appreciation week will be May 2nd- May 6th.
- Elementary School Room Parents – Kristy Dunker
 - Parties will be held on Wednesday the 13th – no parents allowed. Plan for small craft and snack.
- Middle/High School Room Parents – Laura Jung, Beth Butlak
 - Honor roll candy coming out soon.
 - Providing snacks for teachers in the lounge this week and next.
- SOAR Foundation - Jenny Curry
 - Tiffany Smith will be taking over the MICS engraved brick program.
 - A group of parents are collecting donations to gain the naming rights to the health office in honor of Christine Hancock. This is a community led event and not organized or funded by the school. Please see Michelle Halterman for more information or to contribute.
 - Mr. Byrum added that the school is working with the Hancock family to honor Christine as they have with other families in the past.



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- Everyday Fundraisers – Doug Lamkin/Lisa Turner
 - Remember to link Amazon Smile when shopping!
- PTO misc.
 - Working on a special end of year celebration, sponsored by the PTO, for all staff to show our appreciation.
- Update from Glenn Byrum, Executive Director
 - Rising 7th – 9th graders have the opportunity for a five weeklong Summer School Program for reading, math, and science if needed.
 - Very pleased with Soar and PTO meetings, happy to see pictures of kids with the new chrome books, and happy to see all the support our school has seen.
 - Working with Tim McGinnis regarding sponsorships and improving the aesthetic to show off the infrastructure.
 - Kristi Nemec will be handing the federal programs, state funding, and initiatives for the school.
 - In the last 12 months we have secured over 2 million dollars in state funding, federal funds, and covid funding for MICS.
 - This includes IDEA part B, which is funding for schools with students with disabilities, used specifically for teacher salaries, speech therapist's salaries, and EC teachers.
 - Another part of this is the Title One Federal Grant, which services low-income households and students who may need an interventionist at the middle school level. The Title One Federal Grant will also help cover the safety staff at the school.
 - Working on the school Nutrition Program and local wellness policy. Parents are encouraged to visit the Health and Wellness page to review the current policies and contribute to the upcoming evaluation before June 30th. You can read over the policy here: [MICS Health and Wellness](#).
 - The Raptor Run bug eating stunt will take place via video on April 13th. Mr. Byrum is working with the high school theater department on this.

Questions/Comments

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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

April 9 th	Father/Daughter Dance	May 4 th	PTO Meeting – Volunteer Appreciation
May 2 nd – 6 th	Teacher Appreciation Week	TBD	PTO Celebration for Staff