



## Minutes – September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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Welcome, Allyson O'Regan

#### Update from Karen Riner, Elementary School Principal

- Really good start to the school year. Working on making things safer with new cameras and new car-pool procedures.
- School has installed new security cameras.
- Big focus on social and emotional learning this year, including growth mindsets and principal book of the month with family discussions to promote schoolwide literacy.
- Elementary school expansion is complete with 6 classes in every grade.
- Switched from I-station to I-ready for everyone.
- Parents are welcome to visit and have lunch with their child.
- No new curriculum for this year.

#### Update from Jake Wilson, Middle/High School Principal

- Working to bring back some of the field studies for middle and high school students.
- Added a new event for seniors: senior sunrise. Good turnout.
- New conferences for teachers this year.
- Homecoming football game (Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>) and dance coming up (Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>).
- A new course called teacher cadet is now available. Gives students a chance to see what is like to be a teacher.
- Added AP Capstone diploma.



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#### Committee and Event Updates

- Elementary Movie Night – Jenny Curry
  - This Friday night.
  - Food will still be free this year, but we will implement a ticketing system. One hot dog, popcorn, and cotton candy per person.
  - The weather currently looks ok, back up was scheduled for Saturday night, looking at moving it into the gym instead of using this night because both nights are iffy weather wise.
  - Showing Bad Guys.
- Fall Book Fair – Nicole Swanson, Karen McVickers
  - September 18-22<sup>nd</sup> with an enchanted forest theme.
  - We will need lots of volunteers. Sign up for volunteers will come out today after the meeting. We will be decorating and setting up on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. We close early on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> to clean up.
- Raptor Run – Allyson O'Regan, Kristy Dunker
  - Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> which will be a half day for students.
  - T-shirt design is still being finalized. Watch for email from teachers about sizing.
  - End of Raptor Run stunt is almost finalized.
  - Volunteer sign up will come out in a few weeks.
  - New rewards and prizes instead of cash booth.
  - New competition for middle and high school.
  - Kick off will be next Friday.
- Fall Festival – Marguerite Meader
  - Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm.
  - Bigger than last year. Added additional bounce houses and games. New décor
  - Robotics and EC students and some of the food vendors as well as food trucks.
  - Still looking for volunteers to help with some of the planning pieces as well as sign up for the day of.
  - Plans in place to make clean up easier this year.





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- Staff Appreciation – Kristen Houser, Mary Ledford
  - The first treat will be Oct. 26-27<sup>th</sup> and will be a trail mix bar.
- Elementary School Room Parents – Madhura Marathe, Tesa Howell
  - Working on getting room parents and favorites.
- Middle/High School Room Parents – Beth Butlak
  - Senior ring ceremony on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Still need volunteers at this and other things coming up in the future.
- Everyday Fundraisers – Lisa Turner
  - Please relink your VIC card. Pharmacy purchases do count.
  - Box tops use a new app now. Kindergarten is in the lead. Sept. 18 starts nation box tops week.
  - Looking for ideas on how to get more participation, including possible grade level competitions.
  - Amazon smile and Coca-Cola have ended their programs.
  - Looking at having a table at movie night.
- Treasurer/Soar Foundation – Jenny Curry
  - Soar is a separate non-profit set up to help the school.
  - Owns all the capital and deals with all the bonds.
  - Please make sure to keep and turn in all receipts when using a credit card.





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#### Special Title 1 Presentation, Toni Stallings

- 1748 total students.
- Toni is assistant principal of curriculum and instruction. This is what Ms. Nemec used to do.
- Want to keep you up to date with how we spend money that we received from government funding.
- Title one is federal fund given to schools to percent students in need. Determined by students who are economically disadvantaged.
- Funds are used for nutrition and academic needs.
- We have 8-10 individuals dedicated to student intervention that are funded by our title one funds. These are in grades 3-5 math and 6-8 literature.
- You can view the plan on the MICS website or with Glenn today at the end of the meeting.
- You can reach out to Toni or Glenn via email with any questions about this funding and its use.

#### Update from Glenn Byrum, Executive Director

- No staff vacancies on day one for us. This is different from several area schools.
- School report card grades should come out soon. Ours looks very positive.
- New team Member Mason Graham. He is a former Raptor and doing an internship with us.
- Please eat some donuts and come back for the next meeting.
- We still need volunteers and help in many areas!!

#### Questions/Comments

#### Adjourn





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#### PTO Future Dates

Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>	K-5 Movie Night		Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Raptor Run		TBD '24	K-8 Mother/Son Event
Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Book Fair		Nov. 1st	PTO Meeting		TBD '24	K-8 Father/Daughter Dance
Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Meeting		March 18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Spring Book Fair		TBD '24	Spring Auction

