

Missituk Elementary School PTO Meeting
School Year 2021-2022
Wednesday, November 3rd, 6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Time Item

6:30 Welcome & Board Introductions

- We need new members of the PTO Board - please reach out if you are interested in joining! Email missitukpto@gmail.com

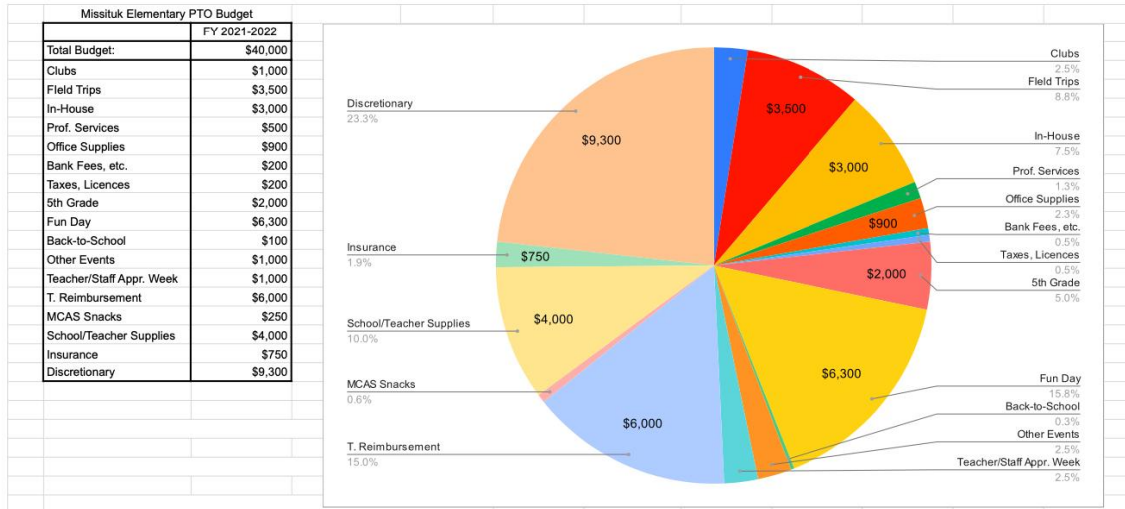
**6:40 Guest Presentation: Responsive Classroom by Assistant Superintendent
 Suzanne Galusi**

- Responsive Support Team at Missituk- Alison Guilmette, Noelle Latorella, Michelle Mazaka, Gretchen Rich, and Julia Murphy
- General approach to teaching, not a set curriculum, but a belief/ideology that gets embedded into the teaching.
- Social/emotional and academic competencies
- Interactive modeling and our use of language
- Classroom practices - morning meeting (greeting, share news, warm up for the day), rule creation (classroom rules created with students), interactive modeling (modeling of expected behaviors), positive teacher language (using words and tone to promote active learning), logical consequences (responding to misbehavior in a way that allows children to fix and learn from mistakes while preserving dignity)
- First 6 weeks of Responsive Classroom = introductions, positive classroom environment (warmth, inclusion, safety, routines, behavior & academic expectations)
- Questions
 - How do pink slips work/balance with Responsive Classroom?
“Pink slips” are really time to reflect - giving kids time to think about/have a discussion about what happened
- [You can see the slides presented by Ms Galusi here](#)

7:00 Treasurer Update

- Overview of this year’s budget - total budget \$40,000 (based on the 2019 pre-COVID budget)
- Less allocated for field trips and in-house enrichment

- More in discretionary funding (in case we *are* able to do more field trips/enrichment)
- Teacher reimbursement program increased from \$100 to \$200 per teacher (open to teachers, specials, support teams, etc).
- Celebrations/moving on activities for 5th graders
- Scholastic News - approx \$2000/year
- 2021-22 Budget pie chart:



7:10 Events and Enrichment Update

- Starting to have programming again; K-Tufts Traveling Treasure Trunk show (Tufts improv group)
- Goal to have 2 visiting programs per grade; checking in with teachers to see what would work well with their curriculum and schedules
- Assessing field trip possibilities for the spring
- After School clubs - paused because of COVID, but thinking about starting clubs again (possibly in January or later in the spring). If you have ideas for clubs or want to lead a club, reach out to the board.
- Working with Ms Mazaka on an outdoor mural for the playground; working with the kids on designing; will likely be a club in January; more details coming soon!
- Book Fair - thank you to everyone who participated in the Scholastic Book Fair. We get Scholastic Dollars from the Book Fair - we purchased and donated ~200 books for the teachers and the library and we allowed every Missituk student to choose one free book to take home.

7:15 Fundraising Update

- Panera Bread - thank you to everyone who participated

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- Election Day bake sale - thank you to everyone who baked/donated - it made \$900 (enough to cover buses for one field trip!) Square 1 Art - Ms Mazaka starting projects w/the kids this week; they fill out a template, we'll upload and then families can order items with the artwork on it (mugs, bags, ornaments, etc.)
- Spirit Wear - coming soon!
- Scrips GCs - people can purchase gift cards for gifts or for your own use and the PTO gets a portion of the purchase price. More info coming in time for the holidays!

7:25 Principal Kay's Corner

- November 11 - no school / Veteran's Day
- November 17 - photo retake day (original photos should hopefully be coming soon, but the studio is delayed); if you have feedback on the quality of photos, please provide to Dr Kay/Mrs Sherman-Hudson
- Group photo for 5th grade will be taken on November 17
- November 24 - noon dismissal for day before Thanksgiving; will also be C&C Spirit Day (pajama day, also bring a canned good for the micro pantry)
- November 25-26 - no school for Thanksgiving
- Family directory (name/email/phone of parents, NOT physical address) is in progress - let classroom teacher know if you do NOT want to be included
- Breakfast before the bell - hard for teachers to do AM meeting while also trying to serve breakfast. School is going to do a pilot of serving breakfast during the before school program w/Mr Glionna; K-3 will go straight from bus to get breakfast; if kids want to take breakfast and eat later during snack, that is fine; if kids come in late, they can grab breakfast and then go straight to classroom. This pilot will start on November 8.
- PBIS - Positive Behaviors Interventions and Supports. Focus/goal to be responsive, respectful & safe. Group of teachers met today about PBIS and will also be meeting with students. Merging PBIS with Responsive Classroom; possibly weaning away from PBIS store in the future but not there yet. Move towards including more classroom community awards as we go through this year (kids could get coupons but they'd go into a classroom box where all kids are working together towards an award).

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 7th, 2021, 6:30 pm

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