



## November 12, 2024, Meeting

In Attendance: PTO Board - Chrissy Greer, Colleen Ott, Joseph Clark, Adam Gratch, Mimi Johnson (Zoom), George Sisson, Renee Deschard (Zoom)  
MMSD - Deb Hoffman

5 attendees via Zoom; 9 attendees in person

## Call to order

A meeting of the VHE PTO was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chrissy Greer.

## Reports

### Empowerment Groups + Committees

The first meeting for each of the parent empowerment groups has recently occurred. One remaining group to kickoff is this Thursday. These groups are open to all who are interested. Currently just small groups and trying to build on that.

### Open Gym

Open gym & Day of Giving was this past weekend, November 9. 50 “Celebration Bags” were assembled to help stock the Community Room in the school.

The PTO has the gym scheduled once a month. These times can be for the entire school or be sponsored by one of the grade-levels.

### Fall Grant Approval

Review of current grants from teachers and staff. If we approve all grants we will be over budget. Currently the PTO has \$5k budgeted per semester for these grants. Since the direct appeal has not kicked off yet, we do not know if we will be able to support these grants beyond the \$5k that has been budgeted. If we approve all of the Fall grants we may not be able to approve everything in the spring.

Recommendation was to approve the grants that we were not still waiting on answers from the district on - specifically those for new chairs as that may be able to come out of a different budget.

Need to find out if equipment needs to be bought through a specific vendor. Per Deb it does need to be purchased through an approved vendor - need to find out if those indicated are on the approved list.

- Motion passed unanimously

Requestor	Amount	Priorities
1st grade/Tollefson ?	\$675.12	Inclusion Model for school and Social Emotional Learning
Clara Temnitz	\$95	Literacy
Mary Powell	\$270.00 + tax	SELs, Community circles, Developmental Designs (community), focus when working on floor/carpet
Mary Powell	\$440.00 + tax	Small group work with Teacher, Alternate seating, SELs
Erin Miller-Bishoff	\$200	We will be using paper in REACH to engineer and promote problem solving and perseverance
Amy Robel	\$500	The school will be able to help families in the VHE community meet their basic needs by this request. Schools are often a wrap-around service/support for our community and this is an area of need that we can support with. When students have their basic needs met, it increases their engagement in academics, participation and engagement in social-emotional learning, it can increase their attendance and decrease family stress.
Jennifer Follett - Library	\$557.74 + (shipping)	Literacy - promoting the love of reading
5th grade team	\$3,375	Workshop model, small group instruction, social/emotional regulation
Kinder team	\$870 (Happy Number License) + \$539.94 (Letter trays) = \$1,409.94	Happy Numbers program. The cost for this part of the grant is \$870.00. We are also asking for \$539.94 for letter trays for small group instruction
Ashmore + team	no dollar amount, 3-4 ipads, cases, apps	Literacy, math, skill fluency, engagement, social-emotional, writing, letter/sounds/number - pre-academic, science, regulation

## Community Pulse Survey - Quarter 1 Review

Had 55 responses. This was open to students, staff and family. Results were reviewed and time was given for discussion on how to move forward with this information

- It was not clear who the survey was from and what the intent of the results were.
- Some concern from those that filled it out that they didn't want the comments tied to their name.
- Quarterly seems too frequent - consider twice a year instead
- Try to encourage people to not use specific names to avoid people feeling the lack of confidentiality
- PTO wants to continue to move forward using the pulse surveys to help inform the board.
- Suggested will be incorporated into future surveys.

## Upcoming Events

11/14 Families of Kids with Learning Differences

11/17 Rescheduled Garden clean-up day

11/19 MMSD board member Q&A

11/19 Shake Shack fundraiser

12/10 Next PTO meeting

Still looking for support with After School Class Coordination, Class Rep Coordinator, Fundraising, Lunch & Playground

## New business

George Sisson brought forth that request to change the vendor for the yearbook. There have been issues with the current vendor. Need to approve increase of \$169 over budget

Current PTO Budget \$5500

Current vendor pricing \$4935

Proposed vendor (Lifepoint) pricing \$5689

- Motion passed unanimously

## Open Discussion

What is the intent of the meeting on 11/19 where the board rep is coming?

Really just to learn more about what is happening in the district and what the board is focused on and what is important to him. Even with the budget being passed, there are still a lot of budget constraints.

Deb Hoffman from MMSD shared some happenings in the district

## Announcements

PTO received \$1000 donation from the UHFNA neighborhood association.

*Approved unanimously by PTO Board  
12/03/2024*