

**PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**January 22, 2020**  
**11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

**Mr. Horne, Principal (D181 Updated Math Criteria):**

Current second grade students: addition of Fall MAP test (assessment now takes either Fall or Winter score plus Spring score plus a unit common assessment average to be placed give; if within a few points, CogAT is taken into consideration).

Current third and fourth graders: same as above but adds a summer bridge course since students will be skipping some material; Summer Bridge dates have been announced: PTO will post

Common Core Standards: Students now study material that is one grade ahead of what we (as parents) studied

**D181 Climate Survey:**

Monroe had highest participation for recent D181 Climate Survey (over 40%); data will be analyzed and highlighted shortly

**[ALL] Minutes from October PTO meetings approved**

**PTO Grant Update from teachers that have taken advantage:**

**Mrs. Senese (Osmos):** First grade Osmo stations to build math/numbers/fact fluency and language abilities in a fun environment. Both first grades have five Osmos that stay in their classrooms with multiple games.

**Mrs. Black (Noise cancellation headsets):** helps second grade build reading fluency with books and iPads during their quiet time

**Mrs Andreoni (decals):** sensory stickers in the Movement Lab; ways for students to associate movement with learning.

There is \$10,000 in the grant budget each year for teachers/staff to spend  
Have spent \$2685 thus far in the school year. Typically the requests are slow to start but pick up half way through the year and towards the end. We have never had money left over before; we like to use it entirely! Items in the pipeline include 3D printer ink and accessories and Zoobs.

**Sarah Tims, Treasurer (PTO Budget):**

**Monroe Events To Date:**

Fundraising thus far has been successful!  
Brick Pavers – hasn't started yet  
Monroe 5K run: made \$2K in September

Community Partners: exceeded budget by \$600  
Spritwear Sales: currently exceeding expectations!  
Wrapping Paper: over by \$1000  
Also had some donations that put our financial situation in good terms

Collecting for upcoming Parents Night Out on February 1<sup>st</sup>  
Monroe Café – has launched second Monroe Café through Jimmy Johns (slated to make \$3K more than expected)

**Monroe Expenses To Date:**

School packs – coming out soon  
Still have money to spend for PTO Grants  
Family Fun Fest is coming up in May – not meant to be a money maker but will bring in funding this year based on updated concept  
Having a solid cushion will ease future fundraisers

**Jenny Boots and Sara Clary, PTO Presidents (Upcoming PTO Events):**

**Parents Night Out: Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at Alter Brewing Company**

Have currently sold over 100 tickets  
Silent auction for in school experiences (i.e. Principal for a Day, Halloween Line Leader, sets for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Culmination)

**Random Acts of Kindness Week – February 10 – 14** (initiatives lead by Monroe Cares)

Activities will include:

- Blankets for Bayan
- Kindness Spirit Week
- We're Linked Together in Kindness Chain
- Community Kindness: Cradles for Crayons donations (district initiative) and Cards for local police and fire staff (we will be taking donations for art/school supplies, books etc and ask parents and students to help sort)

**Science Fair: March 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Boards are due February 18<sup>th</sup>
- Susan Daniel will be leading judging this year
- More of a traditional science fair format, not necessarily a "Science Night" as in past years. There is a district-wide Science/STEAM Night coming up in April
- Winners will be awarded a ribbon on their projects, but no formal announcements

**PTO Survey**

Coming out in this week's newsbyte

Please complete to answer questions such as: How are things going? What more do you want to see from Monroe PTO?

Last year we funded the Living Garden and Movement Lab, what can we do next year?

How do you feel about current Monroe communications?

**2020/2021 Fundraiser: committee announced – Megan Brotschul/CrissyWilson/Sarah Chamberlain**

**Now accepting 2020/2021 PTO Board Nominations**

Please submit applications and/or nominations via the Monroe PTO website

**Family Fun Fest – Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Monroe**

This year, there will be various food trucks and food options to choose from (Baldinelli's, Toasty Cheese and a taco truck, Kona Ice)

Frankie Ace will be performing in the gym

Raffle baskets: tickets will be available online; can purchase tickets the same time you purchase your entrance tickets

Each class can build their own raffle basket

Tickets will be the same price as last year: \$15 online in advance and \$20 at the door

**Backyard Bash Fundraiser** (hosted at Maggio's) home will be on May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**NED show:** in-school event that funds wells at Kenyan schools

**Yearbook Update:** custom pages will be done in the next few weeks; cover page contest will come out in March (before Spring Break)

**[Meeting close]**