

## Mohegan PTO Meeting 9/5/2023 Minutes

**Date, Location and Time:** Tuesday September 5, 2023 Mohegan Elementary School at 7:00 PM

**Attendance:** Principal John Coppola, Teacher Representative Anabella Testani, Board Members Nancy Pires, Bernie Pena, Jessica Roller, Ashley Radtke, Stephanie Littrell, Lisa Silva and 14 members. No guests

1. Principal Reports by John Coppola
  - a. Thank you to the PTO for helping with back to school events, summer purchases, banners.
  - b. Early dismissal Wednesday 9/6 and Thursday 9/7 due to high heat index. Today and the next 2 days students and teachers will have opportunities to sign up for A/C breaks in the media center. PTO asked to provide ice pops for students and ice water for teachers and staff.
  - c. The beginning of the year testing will begin this week and go through September.
  - d. September 22<sup>nd</sup> early dismissal and September 25<sup>th</sup> no school
  - e. Arrival/ Dismissal- car pick up please be sure to stay in line when leaving, waiting for the car in front of you to leave before you do to ensure student safety.
  - f. Fall Festival- no parties but PTO will provide a Fall craft and snack. No costumes but students able to wear Halloween themed, orange/ black, fall attire.
  - g. Upcoming events- Book Fair and Back to School Picnic
2. Mohegan Teacher Representative Anabella Testani
  - a. Thank you PTO for back to school lunch and treats
  - b. Reading Department would like to request Reading A-Z for \$234 a year
3. Treasurer's Report – given by President Nancy Pires
  - a. Recent expenses include ice pops for K play date, Teacher/ Staff lunch and cupcakes, popcorn for students, back to school sign and décor, white board for Math Specialist
4. Completed Events
  - a. Chalk the Walk
  - b. Back to School Sign/ Décor
  - c. K playdates
  - d. 4<sup>th</sup> grade planners (purchased by last years PTO)
  - e. School Banners (purchased by last years PTO)
  - f. Teach/ Staff Luncheon
  - g. First Friday treats for staff and students
  - h. Stock the Lounge
  - i. White board for Ms. Pettas
5. Upcoming Events
  - a. Back to School Picnic – Friday 9/8, co-chairs Ashley Radtke and Carolyn Pynch report, ask for more volunteers
  - b. Wacky Wednesday (1<sup>st</sup> Wed of Every Month) – flyer posted
  - c. Birthday Signs – please be sure to sign up
  - d. Book Fair – 9/25-9/30, co-chairs Lisa Silva and Bernie Pena report, sign up genius will be sent out for volunteers, ewallet will be encouraged for purchasing books with any remaining balance to be used at next book sale, looking into BOGO for Spring book fair, parent night date TBD

- e. Cultural Events – need coordinator
  - f. Wall Murals- Principal would like the PTO's help in organizing with various grants/ programs to help brighten up the school halls – possible grants/ foundations, High School programs as possible options
  - g. Fun Run- kicks off 9/8 with the event being 10/8
  - h. Fall Celebration – date TBD
  - i. Trunk or Treat- need committee
  - j. Spirit Wear- some large/ XL sizes available
  - k. School Store- starts in October
6. New Business
- a. Dad Club – looking for any interest
  - b. PTO membership – be sure to sign up
  - c. Room Sponsors, coordinator Lisa Silva report, flyer went out today, must have paid membership, assignments will be out next week
  - d. Playground Updates – PTO working with parks and recreation on updates. Mulch was provided and more to come. Possible mats under tire swings.

**Next PTO Meeting Wednesday October 4, 2023 @ 7:00PM**

**Meeting Adjourned @ 7:55 PM**

**Minutes by Ashley Radtke, Secretary**