MES PTO MEETING MINUTES 9/9/13

Attending: Kiersten Grieb, Mary Doherty, Slavitza Demaine, Stacy Petell, Linda Dockham, Lori Irwin, Sloane Jarell, Gretchen Arnold

We would like to work on Mission Statement- make more concise. Lori will revisit old minutes to see if we already revised.

Stacy emailed Mrs. Bryant about adding morning announcements (student council) and trunk or treat. No response yet.

Extended day program? Asked Mike Lane to set up and what it takes to get it under way. Only 3 parents showed interest. PTO role for extended day- Buy activity supplies or maybe booster amount to make it happen. Sloan will find out more at Board Meeting.

Food Wellness- Lori – emailed Nan Bartlett and waiting for response. Wellness committee up for policy review this year. Mostly teachers make up the committee but parents are welcome.

NH farm to school- Lori has gotten info from them Pork Hill Farm in Ossipee looking to start a farm to school program. Marilyn Pride in charge of SAU 13 lunch program. Lori will see if USDA approved.

No stumps for Playground were ever delivered. Need to speak to board to see if stumps ok for playground. Sloan will ask at Board Meeting. Other Playground info: Lawn- need estimate, seating area, stage. Grass too long in summer. Linda will call Eric for broken down estimate for lawn. Move Awning? Other ideas, zipline that retracts. We will revisit Playground Upgrade.

Field Trips- 50.00 per teacher- 11 teachers- $ for supplies/trips. Do teachers have an account? Sloan will talk to board about budget for field trips. Teachers claim they get no field trip money from board. Is there a student activities fund?

Stacy offered to teachers to contact Profile for a car wash as a way of fundraising.

Field trip allowance to be revisited once more info gathered to clarify amounts.

School leadership survey- they review their goals

Scholastic- If we order online do we get free books?

Back to school dinner- successful. Need chafing dishes next year. On invite next year do not put can visit teachers in classrooms. Children were wandering around halls unattended.

Pto needs to work on welcome packet.- Reach out to new families. Pto should be part of Kindergarten registration,

Kiersten to Draft Letter to Holly advising we want to be kept in loop regarding new families and our thoughts on welcome packet.

Update website photo to a kid pic instead of coffee.

Open House- 2- 15 min increments.

Bulb fundraiser?

Better PTO Member list and contact info.

Next Meeting at 3:45pm