# Intermediate / Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, January 14, 2025

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Treasurer's Report – Review of expected expenses for the 2024 – 2025 school year - Evelyn Ceesay

## **Committee Updates**

### Current

**Teacher/Staff Gift Cards** – Kristen Thompson - This was excellent! The teachers were very appreciative. We even received a thank you note from a teacher at the MS.

\*\*Fifty-five families participated at the IS, and thirty-five families participated at the MS. We continue to get more families involved each day.

**Food for teachers during Winter Conferences - Feb 20th** - Asking individual schools what they would enjoy. We will finalize plans once we get that information back.

#### **Future**

Teacher Appreciation activities May 4<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup>

Staff Lunch - TBD \$500

Student appreciation activities \$650 - Cookies were done for St. Nick; Popsicles in May

\*\*We are doing a sheet cake for the MS and IS students this spring. Each student gets one when they come into the cafeteria, whether they are having hot or cold lunch.

5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade end of year field trips - May 2025 \$4,000

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion and Dance – June 4th \$800 budget – Kristen Thompson

## Fundraising ideas

- Penny War Only at Intermediate School (Spring cleaning theme March; before spring break)
- Apparel Sale (See presentation below)
- Window Clings We pay \$2.50 and sell for \$5.00
- Fall Cash Drive fundraiser dates We are looking to run it again in the fall (try to fit it in twice in a year so we only need to pay the fee once)
- Scholarship match with Schneider Applications filled out in April Terri will print checks (students chosen based on hours and how well they do on the write-up)
  - Kids get recognized at the May pep assembly PTO can present the checks at the assembly or the school can do it.

**Principal Messages** - IS - Activity nights in February for kids only - popcorn and cookies provided; MS - Clue game with students in the fall was fantastic; there is a big push in the spring to help the students be prepared for high school (high expectations); gaga pit has been a huge success; the MS hopes to put a W outside the school to match the one at the high school

#### **Apparel Sale** - Guest Speaker

Melissa - Crafty Chaos - They have a ton of fun prints for sweatshirts, hats, etc. We get 20% of the sales back to PTO. A fundraiser flyer will be created and sent out to all families through the Tuesday notes and social media.

Math Interventionist Presentation - Amanda Pamperin (MS) and Elly VanBoxel (IS)

IS - Illustrative math (multiple solutions; collaboration); CPM at MS

Shifts in Math Instruction - More problem solving, collaboration, productive struggle, multiple strategies, conceptual strategies moving into efficient algorithms, building thinking classrooms (Peter Liljedahl)

IS resources - Weekly agenda, Unit family support - sent out the beginning of every unit, student workbooks, ILC games/practice problems through Google classroom, homework practice

MS Resources - Weekly agenda, CPM homework help - provides steps to help guide students; parent guides (emailed to parents), toolkit (binder) - notes taken in class as well as math notes provided by CPM, homework practice twice a week

Free online resources and apps: Mathplayground, Blooket, Gimkit, Multiplication by Heart, Math Fact Lab Library website has resources for families too!

# Open floor - N/A

# **Adjourn**

2025-2026 Chaired events:

Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade swimming party – Aug 2025 – \$520 + color-coded wristbands Cross Country meet at Southwest Park – Small money maker (approximately \$400) Food for Teachers during Fall / Winter Conferences – Budget of \$600 for each

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