



Dr. Mona Jain Middle School  
Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting  
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021

**Call to Order:** 5:31pm

**Welcome: President**

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the December 14, 2020 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Board Reports**

- **President:**
  - The secretary position on the board remains vacant as well as committee chairs for Teacher Appreciation, Spirit, and Fundraising. While we have had a few individuals volunteer to assist, there is no one interested in chairing the committees.
  - The January First Friday was a huge success with the faculty.
  - PTO will be providing volunteers for Picture Day on Wednesday, January 13, 2021.
- **Treasurer:** Current balance is \$2,510.39 (does not include expenses from last First Friday celebration).

**Committee Reports**

- **Spirit Night** – The December Spirit Night with Domino’s Pizza raised \$250. Additional scheduled Spirit Nights include CB’s Pizza and Grill on SR70 (January 12, 2021); Dairy Queen on SR64 (February 24, 2021) and Texas Roadhouse on SR70 (April 5, 2021). Wolves Head on Lakewood Ranch Boulevard has been added for March 9, 2021. There was discussion about a potential partnership with TreeUmph for the month of May.
- **Fundraising** – The Sponsorship Drive will be renamed the Direct Give Drive and was planned for relaunch today. This will be postponed for 1-2 weeks to ensure the relaunch does not get lost in the messages for other events at the beginning of January. There was discussion during a prior meeting to have a token, such as a bumper sticker or shirt, depending on the donation level. This was investigated and the cost would be approximately \$6-8 per shirt depending on the quantity ordered. Due to concerns about spending money in advance without a clear return on investment, this idea will be reconsidered for next year.

**Principal’s Report**

- Mrs. Lindsay thanked the committee for the January First Friday supplies. This was a huge success with all the teachers and staff. The same event has been requested again

for the February First Friday. Also, she thanked committee for all the help with the holiday decorating.

- Picture Day is on Wednesday 1/13; she thanked PTO in advance for providing volunteers.
- At this time, there is no update on sports for the second half of the school year. It is anticipated that sports may return to the schools this semester.
- The administration is planning a spirit/field day to celebrate the success of the students for great grades and behavior. There are approximately 600 kids to be recognized (of the > 840 enrolled). She is awaiting district approval on the plan and who may participate. She may request volunteers from PTO. There was discussion surrounding ways to include e-learning students.
- Math Bootcamp will take place through April (16 weeks total), after school for ~1 to 1.5 hours. Administration may need PTO assistance to provide snacks for 45 kids.

### **Old Business**

- **February Virtual Event** – Committee requests ideas from the students. A sample group of middle school students did not have any interest in the ideas the parents suggested (Valentine Bingo night, paint and sip, coding assembly, trivia night with prizes, virtual scavenger hunt). Other ideas discussed during the meeting included partnering with FBLA for Valentine grams, selling different color carnations, and a virtual escape room.

### **New Business**

- **PTO Budget** – The budget was reviewed at the December meeting. During discussion, it was clarified that the Direct Give Drive includes what was donated under the Sponsorship Drive. The budget was approved as submitted.
- **First Friday for February** – SAC will sponsor. The plan is to provide school supplies again. This does have a higher cost compared to the usual food items. Mrs. Lindsay offered to assist with providing supplies. There was discussion around ways to ensure fair and equitable distribution as several teachers did not get any or extremely limited supplies in January.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Next PTO Meeting Date: Monday, February 8, 2021

2021 Meeting Dates: March 8, April 19 and May 17

Spirit Nights:

- Tuesday, January 12, 2021 – CB's Pizza and Grill (SR70)
- Wednesday, February 24, 2021 – Dairy Queen (SR64)
- Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – Wolves Head Pizza (LWR Blvd)
- Monday, April 5, 2021 – Texas Roadhouse (SR70)

First Friday Teacher Appreciation: Friday, February 5, 2021 (SAC sponsored)

**Adjournment:** 6:14pm