

PTO – Public Budget Meeting 9/24/2020 7:00pm

Open meeting – Good evening and welcome to participants. Review slide presentation.

- Executive Committee introduction
- PTO Mission
- Communications update
- Events
 - o Pumpkin Stroll (drive through) – October date TBD.

§ David Goldsmith comments – he has spoken with Madbury/MFD/MPD and all approve of the drive through model. An in-person event has been ruled out. Discussing which way to drive through to minimize traffic impact. Discussing a holding pattern, using the Town Hall lot and baseball field lot as catch areas. Bake sale is allowed if preorder can be arranged. Popcorn for cars also approved with safety precautions. Battery operated candles for pumpkins (fire safety). Direction of the drive through is still being discussed. Social distancing and precautions necessary. MPD/MFD have asked for a day other than a Friday. Early October date better for pumpkins – decision Oct 15th. Pumpkins will be carved at home with delivery to remote students. Parents are welcome to join the planning committee, all opinions are welcome. A letter will be sent from the PTO and the Principal explaining the decision and details.

- Fundraising
 - o Year of Building Bridges – Making Connections

§ David Goldsmith – This will be the theme. Opportunities to celebrate will be different than last year – no school assemblies or visiting speakers. T-shirts are being designed now. There should be 'Year of ...' shirts as well as shirts with the new Moharimet logo. The school has been working with Collins Sports which may reduce costs. New logo shirts could be available each year

- Budget

- 2019-2020: There was a small loss but it was a planned loss. There is a small surplus that needs to be spent down. Looking for school projects to help with
- 2020—2021: taking fundraising hit due to pandemic
- Budget presentation given by Jill Wiley (see attached slides)
 - § T Shirts – line item at \$500, may need to double
 - § Pumpkin Stroll – line item at \$150

New Business

- Budget approval
 - Motion to approve budget as presented: Patrick Pennington
 - Motion 2nd: Heather Smith
 - Vote taken by Zoom Poll and verbal votes and approved

- School/Grade update – David Goldsmith
 - Thank you to the community. Essentially 4 different schools (morning, afternoon, remote, Wednesday) and we are working to make them as useful and as helpful as possible. Trying to deal with discrepancy between home needs and school services. We are aware of challenges. Keep emailing suggestions. First Wednesday went well but future Wednesday will be different based on feedback. I am proud of the staff. Please keep up with feedback. The School Board is expected to review programs in October, public comments welcome. Seeing the kids in person and remotely is great. Teachers not required to give class specific updates.
 - Update - GG – update: group of parents have volunteered to help with technology issues through PTO websites. The group is working on best practices. If you have been stuck and worked through it, please send solutions or 'how to' papers to smith.2975@gmail.com . working to create a parent resource to take burden off Moharimet IT. Send questions or solutions

- Volunteer – see attached slide

- PTO can be more proactive with class parent sign ups. More of a need this year for help from other than teachers. Have parents help each other to relieve stress. One parent per classroom would be helpful for parents and teachers to create a sense of community in a hard time. The Moharimet Directory will be released in October

Open Forum

- Public Comment: Thank you to David Goldsmith, the staff, the School Board, this isn't an easy time and we all appreciate the work you have been doing.

Motion to adjourn: Caitlyn Yergeau

Motion 2nd: Katie Weagle

Motion passed