



Tuesday September 12th, 2023 - IN PERSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
7:00pm

1. Call to Order

2. Introductions as needed

Lots of new faces in attendance, let's go around the room with introductions. Anne Sullivan details the mission and impact of the PACE organization.

3. Principal's Report: Brian Miller

Enthusiastic start to the new school year, 548 children enrolled in school; 83 school choice students, and 30 new students this year.

Total of 4 new staff members in the building, Nurse, Math specialist, ESL teacher, Spanish teacher. See Mr Miller's previous Welcome Back to School email for details on staff.

New Spanish rotation will have 60 minute sessions compared to old 45 min blocks for a small portion of the year, rotating through 4-6th grade.

Thank you for patience during the paving project! Although the timing was very stressful, all staff, students and families did their best to make it through.

Hoping for Prospect street Circle next and Aiden Street project.

Lots of Thanks for all new equipment provided by PACE (as noted on website)

Looking for more building subs at Memorial. Welcoming all to apply for as needed sub positions as well as more consistent 3-4 day building sub roles.

Principals to Nature's Classroom Wednesday to visit the current 6th grade group attending. This is the 26th year of HMES visiting nature's classroom.

Picture Day already happened, makeups to be determined, likely late October early November.

Already had 1 fire drill, 3 more to accomplish this school year; lockdown drills will also be practiced with notice sent to families on timing.

Back to school night is the 21st, email to follow with schedule.

Working on updating curriculum mapping, will be posted on HMES website to view what each grade is learning and when during the school year.

Band presentation for students in grades 5 today (9/12/23) Forms went home for students to join.

School Musical returning January 13&14, January 8th prep/practice week.

Working on beginning of year assessments throughout the grades in ELA and Math using our iReady system.

Lucy the therapy dog is back! She received her full training and is happy to be back supporting the school community at HMES.

Enrichment opportunities will continue in the spring: staff/teacher-led afterschool activities with a range of options for all ages of students. Typically this is two 4 week sessions. More information to follow as opportunities approach.

4. Treasurer's Report

PACE has a little under \$70k dollars in our account, we haven't paid for the swing, smartboard or music cart yet. We are waiting for a purchase receipt from the office to take care of payment. These items are estimated to be around \$10k, and we will end up around \$60k after payments have been sent.

Running budget each year is about \$31k, so surplus is available to spend. Running budgets are costs covered for events, enrichments, field trips, donations and SEED requests as outlined by Anne Sullivan; a more detailed list of events can also be found on PACE website.

Additional note;

SEED requests

5th grade Demers - tulip garden and plants

Asking for \$500 for plants and other items for garden space.

Approved!

5. PACE purchases for this new school year (SEEDS requested and received over summer)

New music cart for music teacher

Recess equipment - soccer balls, basketballs, footballs, 4 square playground set, spikeball and pumps to keep balls inflated

New audio/video system - BOSE wireless PA system with wireless microphone to use for school and PACE events

New projector and screen and stand

New SMARTBOARD with Doc Camera - for 3rd and 4th grade

Adaptive swing for playground with buddy swing - installation October 2023

6. Recap of recent events

K Ice Cream Social **Great turnout! Ice cream truck was a hit!**

K orientation

K Tears and Cheers breakfast - Amy Morrison to take over next year **Wonderful turn out, parents lingered a little longer this year.**

Back to School treats/bags for staff

School Picture Days - thanks to those that volunteered! **Picture Day retakes to be announced as mentioned above.**

7. Scholastic Book Fair - dates for Fall - week of October 23rd

Justine Taylor and Veronica Paulson are Chairs

Will need volunteers to help each day

New Scholastic representative, hoping for great success. Using the Gym again for the shopping location. Each teacher gets a \$30 stipend provided by PACE, often taking advantage of our earned Scholastic dollars from the success of previous events. We also use scholastic dollars to make sure every child leaves with a book no matter what.

8. Memorial Directory - Justin Paulson is the Chair. NO CHARGE for this service to families

Last year we had 52 users, this year we are up to 82. Hoping to have it up and running very shortly.

Plan to have QR codes for social media/website, and directory available for parents attending upcoming Curriculum Night.

10. Upcoming Events

Back to School night PACE will have a table to be visible and sell pop sockets and stickers. Hope to connect and expand on email contacts, directory users and volunteer forms.

Halloween Dance - Friday October 13th at Memorial School Gym - details to follow soon- Kristen Brown. Free event, will ask for donations to Memorial School snack pantry

Looking for volunteers to help at the event. Looking for suggestions on collecting donations. In need of large boxes for collecting donations. Add language to the flier to be clear about no drop off event, no lights off event, no refreshments event, no candy event, ONLY non perishable food donations, memorial students only. DJ cruise, suggestions for DJ: Have the DJ come early to test equipment volume. Come up with a Halloween MC script to include a few games to be played. Script will be delivered by a volunteer not the DJ

Kids Go Shopping - Saturday November 18th Memorial School Gym. Briana Lima and Natalia Calzone

Working on flyers to give to vendors at day at the park. Working on contacting vendors from the community. Girls scouts had an activity table for child crafts, food tables, and a DECA table for selling gear. Try to make vendors deadline earlier so that we can communicate with families about what to expect. Start to look for volunteers after Halloween Dance. Set up, work the event, wrap gifts, ask for student council support.

BINGO night - TBD

Continue to do raffle at December and free books in March

11. Yearbook - Chaired by Sarah Mandeville. Kristen Poisson helping. Will be looking for volunteers to help this year

Increased \$0.50, all online ordering, no shipping charge for first round of ordering to be delivered to school. Need volunteers to take pictures. Asking for 6th grade baby pictures, and 6th grade art contest for cover art. \$25 cost per yearbook.

REALLY need pictures volunteers.

12. Questions or comments

Will need a new PACE president and treasurer for the 2024-25 school year. Will begin to post requests looking for volunteers to attend meetings and step up for the role.

Next Meeting Tuesday October 10, 2023 7pm