

Merrill Parent Group (MPG) - September 17, 2009 meeting minutes

Meeting began at 6:15 p.m., with the following people in attendance:

Lori Tierney, Michele Olree, Yvonne Sprague, Stephanie Gawler, Susan Sundeen, Val Saiz, Natalie James, Kelly Scarborough, and Paula Ortlieb.

Introductions

The 2nd Merrill book fair will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2009, at Merrill – from 10:00 – 2:00. We will do it in the Merrill lobby and outside (weather permitting), with coffee and bagels in the morning and hot dogs and drinks in the afternoon.

We still have a number of boxes left from the last book sale. We will use those, along with books we will be collecting again.

Stephanie is putting together paper bags that we will deliver to neighborhoods for them to fill. We will pick them up from neighborhood doorsteps. We will also collect again from Cory Elementary and University Park after school. Bags will be ready next week for us to pick up from Stephanie to drop off at houses on 9/28. We should pick up the bags by 10/1 and deliver them to Merrill.

We will set up for the book sale on the evening of October 9th at Merrill. Stephanie and Lori will have their kids make some signs to post around the neighborhood.

Michele Olree will place an ad on Craigslist and update daily

Pricing will again be .50, 1.00, 2.00, 5.00, and 10.00 – we will also have a .25 bargain table. We can use the tables in room 102 to set the books on.

We will meet at Merrill at 8:30 on Saturday, 10/10 to set up.

Pizza Sales – Stephanie has contracted with a vendor for the Merrill students to sell pizza kits. Each kit will sell for \$20. Each sale will raise \$6 for the school. We hope to have at least half of the kids sell kits.

-It is best for the kids to collect the money up-front.

-We will also sell the kits at the Cory Carnival

International Festival – Will be held again toward the end of the school year (April or early May). May 1st was thrown out as a possible date. It will be on a Friday night or Saturday day. It will also be over a longer period of time to give people a better chance of seeing everything.

We discussed turning the International Festival into a fundraiser this year by selling tickets.

There will be events in the auditorium, room 102, the hallway, the cafeteria, and the gymnasiums.

The cafeteria will have native foods again, from families and restaurants. Food will require ticket purchase also.

Teacher conference dinners - October 26 and 27 – we will need one or two parents to take charge and organize.

It will be pot luck. Natalie James did mention that she could possibly get the food donated by Tavern Hospitality.

- there are 52 teachers and they will need to eat between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
 - we will need volunteers on both days.
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Greg Mortensen – Author of “Three Cups of Tea” will be speaking on 9/21 at Merrill.

He is also speaking at Red Rocks on Sunday, 9/20 at Red Rocks from 7-9.

We discussed doing a fundraiser at Merrill for Pennies for Peace, one of Greg Mortensens non-profits.

Sports scoreboard – we have had one scoreboard donated. We discussed whether we should purchase a second one in the event that there are two different teams needing one at the same time. We voted on it and decided that we should wait until we have more money.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.