**PTA Board Meeting – Feb 22, 2018**

**President’s Update:**

* **Carnival:**
  + PTA has a significant number of events in the Spring. Looking to move to Fall. At this point we don’t have a chair for the event. Lynette to send out note to see if we can find volunteers for the Fall.
  + Will look at MCHS Fall events to make sure we don’t conflict with their schedule
* **Track Funds:**
  + In light of other needs at school (potential security and safety updates/technology/etc), seeking to use some of the track funds to where they are needed more for the school. Some funds will be used to purchase “Watch Dawgs” emergency door locks ($13.99 each). This allows the teacher to keep their door closed but lock the door from the inside instead of the outside, if needed. Viewed sample from West Lake (their PTA purchased for the school last year). All were in favor. (allamericansecuritydevices.com)
* **Science Olympiad** – A great year - over 60 participating, 54 competing
* **Mother/Son:** Coming up March 23rd - well under way - Winter Olympic theme - volunteers are needed
* **Father/Daughter:** Notes from this past event – Wonderful event and many compliments. Really enjoyed the variety of activities (contests/photo ops/snacks/etc. Some improvement notes: make sure PTA cleans up lunchroom at end of evening and we are not allowed to use lunchroom equipment, other than tables. Mr. Denny’s room (coat room) was also left unsupervised and some children got into the instruments. Notes were made for more supervision/cleaning volunteers for next year. Overall great event!
* **Next Meeting:** March 15th. Internet safety speaker will be here. A must attend for parents.

**Principal’s Update:**

* **April 16-20:** National Volunteer Week
  + Would like to do a clothing drive to support Note in the Pocket (an organization that currently supports students within the school)
    - Need parent volunteers to help organize and deliver clothes
  + Classrooms will also be making placemats for Meals on Wheels and writing thank you letters for service professionals
* **Character Educational Program:** ‘The Positivity Project’
  + Will launch in 18/19 school year. 7 staff members have attended the training. Planning to send additional staff for training at end of April. Will have a teacher on every track and every grade level trained as well as our specialists.
  + Once staff are trained, the program materials are free to bring to the school.
  + Theme of the project is #OtherPeopleMatter – plan to use #OtherColtsMatter to market the program at the school.
  + **Benefits:** Will take our kindness initiative to next level. Very easy for teachers to implement in classrooms. Each day there will be a daily character trait to implement. Every classroom will be using. Each lesson is only 10 minutes.
* **Cass Size Resolution**: Still waiting to hear but will likely remain at what it is this school year for K-3. Our goal will be to keep 4th and 5th grade below 30 per class. Wake County is currently doing a facility audit of all schools for capacity.
* **Safety:**
  + Changes that have been implemented:
    - 3rd grade cabana doors are no longer allowed to be kept open
    - Front door is no longer propped open during arrival – now have a staff member greeting children and directing adults to the office
    - Lobby guard has been purchased to have a kiosk put in the office – whenever anyone is coming in to pick up a child, volunteer, or be in the building – they will have to scan their driver’s license. This will flag concerns and also store the information.
    - All volunteers are being verified as they are entering the building that they have been cleared on the most recent volunteer list. Reminder: volunteer clearance has to be renewed annually.
    - In process of purchasing crowd control line system – this will go across the hallway in the office to help direct parents directly in the office. To go past this line and enter school, you have to sign in at the office.
    - For larger events, SRO from MCHS will be invited to join to support the school during those events.
    - Parents coming in from 3pm-4pm, will have to sign in at the office (previously they didn’t have to do so). If conferences after 4pm, teachers are to meet parents up front.
    - Having 10-13 additional video cameras installed. We will be having another lockdown drill in March. Track 4 was tracked out for last lockdown drill (October). A letter will be sent home after the drill to notify parents that it happened for the day.
    - All students in building have to have a buddy with them if walking through the school.
    - School has an emergency operations plan book – allows response at all schools to be same and procedural – this book is housed in the front office. There is also a site-specific plan that allows us to know where to evacuate. This is reviewed and updated annually.

**Vice Principal’s Update:**

* Thank you to PTA for supporting our Teacher Assistant of the year. PTA has provided tickets for nominee and her spouse to attend. Really appreciate the support.

**Audit Report:**

* Reviewed last three months of bank statements. Everything checks out.

**Grade Night Out:**

* Feb 27th – Brothers of New York Pizza
* March 22nd – McDonald’s McTeacher Night with Cary Police Dept
* May 7th and 8th – Ruckus

**Boosterthon:**

* Pep Rally: April 10th and 19th
* Fun Run: April 18th and 26th
* Met with Apex Fun Run (fun run company), will be visiting one of his events to see it in action and will look to see if it is comparable as it is significantly lower cost to the school. They have offshoots as well: Apex Serve (fundraiser on serving the community) and Apex Remix (fundraiser dance party in gym – sponsor kids per dance move (36 moves))