

Maconce Bear Council Recap

October 11, 2023

Welcome-

Attendance: Sarah Zelenak, Jennifer, Skoczylas, Danielle Clark, Merissa Pacholek, Samantha Nassar, Amanda Heiler, Ashley Shibbish, Mary Hixon, April Griffin, Rachel Cyr, Gabby Hixon, Deb Kolomjec and Jay Seletsky.

School Updates: Enrollment and New Staff and classrooms.

Budget: Bear Council supports Field Day Shirts for all students, Transportation cost for (1) field trip per grade level, Staff Appreciation Dates, Reading Month. The budget grows by fundraising during the school year and then these activities deplete the balance. Other activities such as Popcorn, Merry Market and Pastry with a Pal are done for the kids and not as money makers.

Main Fundraisers:

*Maconce Stroll – First Try, mirrored ABMS South and North. We have some great prizes, hoping for a good turn around. Minimum of \$10.00 collected to participate in stroll.

*Quarter Champs-January (April Griffin) More discussion later. April did agree to chair, there were lots of volunteers to help.

Merry Market – Chairperson (April Griffin) Date is set for 12/13. April is already getting contacted by crafters to secure a spot. Discussion about making Christmas Bags ahead of time and collected items for the BEAR table. Several people are on board to help. Discussion about price max for vendors, donations for BEAR table. Rachel C. and Samantha N. made donation offers.

Spirit Wear – Christina Wuchte was unable to be at the meeting. She is willing to continue with the spirit wear. She plans to check out some other places just to see if there is anything more cost effective or different. Other ideas are always welcome.

Popcorn – Due to everyone's excitement to get popcorn started up, additional dates were added to calendar: 10/27, 11/10, 1/19, 2/23, 3/22, 4/5, 5/24 Chair people: Amanda Heiler, Ashley Shibbish, Sarah Zelenak, April Griffin

* It was decided ALL students would receive popcorn on 12/22 at no charge. No slips will go home for the 12/22 date.

March is Reading Month: Volunteers were greatly appreciated last year – would love the involvement again. Jay mentioned the students ask if we would be having another Family Dance and expressed whether there would be an interest?

Pastry with a Pal: Danielle Clark volunteered to chair, several others volunteered to help again this year. Discussion doing a Muffins with Mom and Doughnut's with Dad, still keeping in consideration to the population, but due to our growing numbers and small space here at Maconce. Another title suggestion was Doughnuts with Grownup's. We could also do any number of versions, or stick with the same, more discussion and a date to be set later.

Other information: Get Volunteer Forms in. Must be done every school year.

Field Day Shirts- Danielle Clark will do again this year. Jen S., Amanda H., and Amber S volunteered to help in anyway they can. No date for Field Day at this time.

Discussed new idea for Bingo – Music Bingo, members wanted and adult activity -shared some ideas. Encouraged sharing some more ideas for activities.

More to come. Thank you.

Submitted by Deb Kolomjec