

**McKenny PTO Meeting
Tuesday, March 8, 2022**



Attendance: Ingrid Aries, *Co-President*; Carrie Andrew, *Co-President*; Jessie Moreno-Graham, *Vice President*; Vanessa Centeno, *Parent-at-Large*; Michel Nelson, *Secretary*; Michael Havens, *Principal*; Elese Meyers; Whitney Gonzalez; Marny Howell; Becky Conn; *VIA Zoom*: Abby Terpening, *Treasurer*

Meeting convened at 6:32pm

Welcome & Introductions

Motion to accept February minutes, seconded, and approved.

McKenny Update (Michael Havens):

- Staff & students are able to take off masks outside, no negative impacts have been reported.
- Next Monday the indoor mask mandate is removed, all other mitigation practices remain – social distancing, monitoring symptoms and encouraging those who are sick to stay home. OSD will assess ongoing and the focus will be on individual choice
- Staff met this week to discuss next year's plans and schedules; staffing levels next year aren't expected to change although there are usually last-minute adjustments
- Looking forward to potential spring field trips! Principals district-wide are meeting tomorrow to discuss the possibilities.
- Whole class photos are being scheduled for the first time in a couple of years!
- Michael now records the morning announcements and teachers choose when to play them to their class.
- There is a meeting next week about the Traffic Garden and the timeline will be known afterwards but it will be installed this spring.
- If you want to be a school volunteer, go to the OSD website and fill out the application. There is a background check and then Michael will provide an orientation.

Treasurer's Report

Abby reported on the PTO budget:

Income – Amazon & Coke rewards totaling \$150; teacher & specialist support \$250; Fun Run \$7,658; Hawkwear order payments came in and were than paid out to the promotional company
Expenses – Year book payment; Hawkwear invoice

Updates

Boosterthon – We set a \$7K goal and then a stretch goal right before the event to \$10K; we raised over \$12,000! There was a \$2K base cost for the full package to have them run the event so we net around \$10,000.

Carrie solicited feedback from those in attendance and shared other input she's received from parents and teachers. Overall, the event was very positive and engaged the students, staff and families. Suggestions include letting teachers and families know ahead of time that there are nightly challenges and what the prizes are.

Playground Equipment and Reserves – PTO usually keeps approximately \$5,000 in reserve; with the fundraising this year we have \$26,000 saved for playground equipment! We need to keep enough in reserve for Carnival expenses and operating expenses through year end and for kindergarden Hawkwear for the beginning of next school year.

Motion to transfer funds and reserve \$26,000 dedicated to playground equipment, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Hawk Hangouts – a flier will be going home to families soon. We still need volunteers to welcome people at LBA, if interested use the Sign Up Genius link in the Hawk Talk newsletter.

New Business/Events

Date Changes

Motion to change the June PTO meeting date to June 7 and the end of year ice cream fundraiser to June 15, seconded, and approved.

Sweetleaf ice cream fundraiser is March 30 2-9pm, fliers will go home to families before the event. Funds raised will support the 5th grade year end celebration. Marny reported that Mrs. Espedahl Johnson is working on the 5th grade will celebratation at LBA with fun activities led by Mrs. Swedberg and a BBQ. More information forthcoming for those families.

Cheddar Up is a way for PTOs to accept credit card payments and it includes order forms templates; we are exploring using it for Hawkwear payments, Carnival auction contributions, yearbook sales, etc. There is a free plan that we can try and there is a .45 cent flat fee per transaction and a credit card percentage fee that those using it can opt to cover. They have bluetooth credit card readers for \$59 each.

Carnival is coming up on the evening of Saturday, May 21! This is a fun family springtime event that will be held mostly outside. Details are still being planned and classrooms will again be asked to each provide an auction basket. Disneyland donates tickets for Carnival and we have 14 since we haven't had the event during the pandemic; they expire on 12/14/22. Those in attendance felt it was fine to offer them if we are clear about the expiration date. We encourage

everyone to solicit donations from businesses for auction items. We need volunteers to help with creating the game punch cards and securing OHS student game helpers.

The next PTO meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 pm.