

McKenny PTO Meeting Tuesday, June 7, 2022



Attendance: Carrie Andrew, *Co-President*; Ingrid Aries, *Co-President*; Michael Havens, *Principal*; Abby Terpening, *Treasurer*; Michel Nelson, *Secretary*; Vanessa Centeno, *Parent-at-large*; Elsee Myers; Jessie Moreno-Graham; Mindy Swedberg; Collette Paulson; Marny Howell.

Meeting convened at 6:30pm

Welcome & Introductions

Motion to accept May minutes, seconded, and approved.

McKenny Update (Michael Havens):

- PTO hosted a wonderful carnival event that brought people together supported by volunteers.
- Next year we will place emphasis on the many cultures that make up our school community. A parent group is meeting for a second time next week to discuss in-class recognitions of family cultures. A larger event is planned for next year along with many smaller activities.
- Weather has slowed down the traffic garden installation; it must be dry for a period of time before paint can be applied. Michael will send an email asking for volunteers when the time arrives.
 - A grant for bicycle storage is available and will be applied for to be used by PE Specialist Mindy and the for the traffic circle.
- Three kindergarten classes are anticipated next year given larger enrollment at this time. Two classes are planned for all other grades.
- End of year field trips are taking place and lots of activities are planned through the last day of school!
- Those interested in advocating for CISPUS for 5th graders next year should send communications to Michael.

Treasurer's Report

Abby reported on the PTO budget:

Income – Amazon rewards totaling \$100; Boosterthon \$107; carnival \$5,216 (some fees not yet taken out); Expenses – teacher & specialist support \$675

Updates

Outgoing board members and staff – Thank you to outgoing board members – Abby, Michel, Vanessa and Amanda. A special thank you to Marny Howell who for 9 years has been a PTO leader. Her youngest is moving on to WMS; McKenny will miss you and is better for you! Staff retirement: Lynn Briggs, special educator, who has been at McKenny since it opened. George, janitor, retired earlier this year and was a long-time employee as well.

It was moved, seconded and passed to dedicate \$100 for a plaque recognizing retiring employees.

Carnival– The volunteers who made the night a success were acknowledged. We need to ensure next year that we have more volunteers so everyone can take shifts and spend part of the event with their families rather than working the entire event.

Yearbook- Yearbooks have arrived! We ordered 200 and more than 80 have been sold so far. Distribution in classrooms and available for sale at a PTO table is planned for the morning of June 17, Field Day. The sale table will also be open on the mornings of Tuesday, June 21 and Wednesday, June 22. PTO will purchase a yearbook for all 5th graders who haven't purchased one by Thursday, June 16. Many thanks to Sarah for creating the yearbook again this year!

New Business/Events

Change in Bank Signers - With the change in the Treasurer position the following action was made:

A motion was made stating that the McKenny PTO agrees to remove our previous Treasurer, Abby Terpening, from the WSECU bank account and put our new Treasurer, Amanda Villani, onto our bank account. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Kindergarten/New Student T-shirt funding - T-shirts will be handed out at Kindergarten Jump Start on August 24.

It was moved, seconded and passed to use up to \$600 for t-shirts for incoming kindergarteners and for those new students in other grades that didn't previously receive one.

Humble Cow Fundraiser- Coming up on Wednesday, June 15 from 2-4pm. Humble Cow will donate 20% of all proceeds during this time to McKenny PTO. Thanks to Humble Cow!

5th Grade BBQ- Marny reported that the event is coming along with parent involvement. They will have decorations and a goodbye sign, food & activities and special McKenny visitors such as Mindy.

Playground- Jessie shared a PowerPoint of playground options that are being considered. All vendors offer guided installation with an on-site contractor who supervises volunteers to keep costs down. Seven custom options were reviewed based on a budget of \$26,000. Depending on the design chosen, it could be phased in with additional pieces being purchased and installed later. Prices will continue to go up because sale prices end June 30 and fuel costs for delivery continue to rise.

PTO has enough in its accounts to purchase the most expensive playset and have approximately \$9,600 in its bank accounts remaining to begin the next year.

Many thanks to Jessie for all of her research, planning and communication with the vendors to get PTO to the decision phase of this long-term goal for our school!

It was moved, seconded and passed to select Buell Recreation Option A for a cost of approximately \$31,000.

2022-2023 Event Help- The list of potential Committee Chair descriptions was distributed, and it is noted that events that do not have volunteers will not be able to be scheduled. We have a handful of dedicated volunteers and need more volunteers to share co-chair and chair positions. Many PTO officers have 5th graders and will be moving on to WMS after next year, so parents of children in younger grades are needed!

- Colette volunteered to talk with parents at Kindergarten Jump Start with Ingrid.
- One important role is one or more representatives for monthly meetings to OECC to continue collaborating with other elementary school PTOs in the district. Colette agreed to be one of McKenny's representatives.
- Heather Mathews, McKenny Music Specialist, volunteered to coordinate all theater-based activities next year such as Talent Show, etc.
- Sarah agreed to again manage the yearbook and Becky will chair Teacher Appreciation Week.

We still need many volunteers. Please consider becoming an event co-chair next year!

The next PTO meeting will be announced later.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:59 pm.