

McKenny PTO Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 14th, 2023



Attendance: Carrie Andrew, *Co-President*; Ingrid Aries, *Co-President*; Becky Conn, *Vice President*; Jessie Moreno-Graham, *Volunteer Coordinator*; Janelle Cromwell, *Secretary*; Amanda Villani, *Treasurer*; Whitney Gonzalez, *Parent at Large*; Collette Paulson

Meeting convened at 6:30pm

Welcome & Introductions

Treasurer Report

Carrie presented the treasurer report and highlighted the following items:

- There was a \$203 AmazonSmile deposit and we are expecting one more deposit before the program ends.
- Upcoming expenses include \$3,000 for the theater program and carnival.
- Boosterthon deposits will continue to show up on Fun Run/Boosterthon line item as they come in.

She also reminded everyone to submit their receipts and reimbursement forms as soon as possible. She answered some questions from the attendees regarding the budget details and projections.

Updates:

Cultural Celebration

Mindy Swedberg gave an update on the Cultural Celebration planning. She said that a group of parents and staff had met recently and decided to organize a weeklong celebration in May to showcase the diversity and richness of our school community. She said that each day would have a different theme and activities, such as music, dance, food, art, games, etc. She asked for volunteers to help with the coordination and execution of the event. She also invited everyone to share their ideas and suggestions for the celebration.

Olympia Elementary Community Collaboration (OECC)

Collete spoke about the OECC initiative, which is a group that aims to help people who are different from us in a meaningful way. She said that the OECC had partnered with a

Native American organization to bring in some cultural performances to our school and other elementary schools in the district in the 2023 - 2024 school year. She said that the OECC had also donated a book called Project 562 - Changing the Way We See Native America by Matika Wilbur, which is a collection of portraits and stories of Native Americans from across the country. She encouraged everyone to check out the book and learn more about the Native American culture and history.

Movie Night

Jesse and Collette reported on the last movie night, which had 106 kids attending. She thanked the volunteers who helped with the event and said that there were a couple of new faces among them. She suggested that volunteers wear something identifiable, such as a PTO shirt or badge, so that they can be easily recognized by the kids and parents. She announced that the final movie night of the year would be on April 21st and asked for more volunteers to sign up.

Boosterthon

Janelle shared the results of the Boosterthon fundraiser, which raised over \$13,000 for our school. She said that 57% of the school had registered for the event and that it was a fun and successful experience for everyone involved. She thanked everyone who supported and participated in the fundraiser. She also said that next year, they would consider scheduling the Kickoff on February 28th and the Run on March 8th, to avoid conflicts with other events and holidays.

PNW Theater Program

Heather Matthews informed everyone about the PNW Theater Program, which is offering a production of The Wizard of Oz for our school. She said that the program is currently open to 5th grade students and that there are 6 students enrolled so far. She said that if they don't fill up the 30 spots available, they would open it to 4th grade students soon. She also said that if there are still spots left after that, they would open it to 3rd grade students as well. She encouraged everyone to spread the word about this opportunity and to sign up their kids if they are interested.

Parent Leader Meeting

The PTO President summarized what happened at the Parent Leader Meeting, which was held four times a year and included the OSD Superintendent, principals, PTO Presidents, etc. She said that the Superintendent had reviewed the budget deficit and discussed ways to help. He had urged everyone to complete the budget survey to make sure their voice and opinions were heard. He had also mentioned some possible solutions, such as closing or consolidating some of the small elementary schools in OSD and reducing the number of teachers.

New Business/Events:

Carnival

Sarah presented the idea of having an arcade-themed carnival on May 20th, with possible names such as Game Galore or Game On. She asked for feedback and suggestions on the name, games, and activities for the carnival. She also announced that the food options would include pizza, popsicles, and chips. The silent auction would feature baskets made by each grade level. Parents would be able to pre-purchase punch cards for the carnival. She requested volunteers for different tasks, such as baskets, food, games, ticket sales, and prizes. Collete and Janelle volunteered for food and baskets respectively.

Teacher Conference Week

Becky informed that she would send out the sign-up link for the teacher conference week.

Distribution of Fun Run Funds

A motion was made to allocate \$1,500 each to PE, Library, Music and Art departments, \$100 more to each teacher, and \$500 to the counselor, Heather Daily. The total amount of funds distributed was \$7,800. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm