

McKenny PTO Meeting Tuesday, May 9, 2023



Attendance:

Michael Havens – McKenny Principal
Ingrid Aries – PTO Co-President
Collete Paulson – PTO Co-Volunteer Coordinator
Morgan Rydland
Jeff Soderquist
April Goodman
Heather Matthews
Tess Roth
Jamie Blocher
Megan Rodriguez
Jessie Moreno-Graham PTO Co-Volunteer Coordinator
Whitney Gonzalez – PTO Parent at Large

Via Zoom:

Kora Minton
Julie Carigan
Kae Sekimoto
Janelle Cromwell – PTO Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Ingrid.

All present parties introduced themselves with their names, their students grade and teachers.

The previous meeting minutes were unavailable to be read at the time so they will need to be read and approved at the next PTO meeting in June 2023.

1. Update from McKenny/OSD - Michael Havens:

- Mr. Havens spoke about the tech and safety levy that the district has been using to make improvements across the district, and how this is separate from the maintenance and operation levy and which is why there are funds available to spend on certain tech and safety items when there are budget shortfalls in other areas. The library has a new smart board that is being tested out by Mrs. Hooper and will then be introduced into the classrooms. An architect was onsite to remodel and create a secure vestibule area when entering the front of the building so when you come in you will have to proceed straight to the office and not have access to the hallway which leads directly into the school. This work will most likely happen summer of 2024 maybe even summer of 2025.
- Cultural Kaleidoscope event will be Thursday June 8th with performances by each grade level with Ms. Matthews, the event will run from 6-8pm. There will be some “science faire” type presentations, some performances and food and music. The

school will have evening work sessions and make available to all families that are participating poster boards, presentation boards, butcher paper etc.

- Each grade level is preparing for the Spring MAP tests with the 3rd – 5th grade classes also preparing for the Smarter Balances Assessment (SBA) tests.
- Field day is set for June 21st most likely 11:30a-1:30pm.

2. Treasurer -Ingrid in Amanda Villani's absence:

- There was one telescope purchased for the 5th grade use, Mrs. Espedal-Johnson used the funds the PTO had previously voted on and then some of her teacher funds and found one online to buy.
- The last check for the theater production of Wizard of Oz for \$3,000 was sent out, at this time of the meeting sales and student performer fees of approx. \$3,800 had been collected.
- \$1,000 had been disbursed for teacher and specialist reimbursement and the counselor had been reimbursed \$142.17, the recess equipment that was voted on at the previous meeting has also been purchased for the students.

3. OECC - Collete Paulson

- There will be a roll out of a land acknowledgement to all OSD schools some time between Jan 2024-May 2024. At the elementary level there will be students from either Oly HS or Capitol HS that will be there for a presentation/assembly with people from local tribes to speak about what the land acknowledgement means and to share some of their culture with the students with a performance.
- Still waiting and hoping to get back the survey that was sent out to all the parent groups at the elementary level to see how best the group can move forward with some sort of "sharing" of funds at the elementary level or some fundraiser that benefits all parent groups and can be used for all elementary students in the district.

4. Updates:

- Parent Leader meeting - Ingrid spoke about the Parent Leader group meeting that she and Jessie attended and that the superintendent spoke a lot about the potential budget shortfalls and that while not as big of a shortfall as originally was expected still a substantial shortfall. Also discussed was the idea of some sort of shared funds at the elementary level but a parent from Centennial mentioned that to maintain a non-profit status with the state you have to operate under your mission statement and the McKenny mission states to enrich McKenny student lives. Principal Havens pointed out that there is a way to make an event open to the greater public that is still considered enriching McKenny students lives.
- Movie Night – Jessie and Collete spoke about the last movie night for the year, it was a success, a bit more calm then previous movie nights. Kids were singing along to Encanto and they decorated a banner and wrote thank you notes for teach appreciation week. Smaller attendance with approx. 70 kids.
- Teacher appreciation- Becky who was heading up the donations is out on maternity leave so Michel was helping coordinate getting everything to the school and setting up, Jessie helped decorate the teachers lounge.

- PNW Theater- Heather Matthews updated on how it was going, need more volunteers for ticket sales on Friday Julie Carigan volunteered to help out. Mentioned having a QR code or donation bowl asking for donations for future theater productions, since there were 6 open spots the program didn't bring in as much from student fees so asking for donations to cover cost and be able to provide this event in the future. Ms. Matthews mentioned that the PNW Theater company has openings in October to put on a production which might be better so that May isn't so busy for the students and families as it is getting towards the end of the school year.
 - Spring Carnival update, Sarah Mollas attended via Zoom to discuss how preparation for Carnival was going, had some small technical difficulties with the SMART board so it was hard to hear, but still in need of more volunteers and some of the grade baskets were struggling to gather donations. Janelle putting together a list of everything we have had donated so far and typing up descriptions for the baskets for the day of the event. Need more people for the dunk tank and Mindy was going to send out another email to teachers/staff asking for volunteers. Morgan volunteered to pick up 1 dozen helium balloons on Saturday morning. Just in need of volunteers. Whitney mentioned needing more of the lanyard material to make the ticket/punch cards.
5. New Business
- 5th Grade BBQ – Ingrid briefly gave an update, this will be held at LBA park, this isn't a PTO sponsored event, but the PTO donates the food items etc. There is a \$30 gift card from Costco to purchase items for this event.
 - Yearbook Pricing- Ingrid gave a brief update for this, everything was sent off to the printers, right now the price the PTO has charged is \$17 which is break even Ingrid asked if we should increase to \$18, no one spoke up about having a preference and Ingrid and Carrie are to decide together whether the price will be \$17 or \$18
 - Vote was held for PTO board positions for 2023-2024 school year
 - i. Collete Paulson + Jessie Moreno-Graham elected as Co-Presidents
 - ii. Jeff Soderquist elected as Vice President
 - iii. Morgan Rydland elected as Secretary
 - iv. Amanda Villani elected as Treasurer
 - v. Janelle Cromwell elected as Volunteer Coordinator
 - vi. Tess Roth elected as Parent at Large

Meeting was adjourned by Ingrid at 7:49pm