

McKenny PTO Board Meeting Tuesday, November 14th, 2023

Attendance: Jessie Moreno-Graham, *Co-President*; Collette Paulson, *Co-President*; Jeff Soderquist, *Vice President*; Mr. Haven, *McKenny Principle*; Morgan Rydland, *Secretary*; Tess Ross, *Parent-at-Large*, Mindy Swedberg, April Goodman, Amanda Villani, Alli Beattie, Becky Conn, Sarah Davis, Sabrina Enright (V), Marissa Stegman (V)

Meeting called to order: 6:32pm

Welcome/Introductions

Past Minutes: Becky Conn moved to approve, Amanda Villani 2nd, all approved.

Update from McKenny/OSD: Mr. Havens:

Greatly appreciated the teacher snacks during conference week. Veterans day event was wonderful. Will start doing the Golden Hawk award in each class. It is a way to support positive behaviors in students.

District experiencing low enrollment so discussing options of school consolidation/closures. McKenny has the potential to take in more students and open more classrooms. Enrollment at McKenny was up 15 students from the projected numbers. There are different proposed scenarios for the school district to review and will eventually vote on them. The most popular scenario is for the elementary schools to add 6th grade. In addition, Reeves and Jefferson MS and LP Brown would be closed as a part of this proposed plan. Several other options were proposed that include closing LP Brown and other schools. In one option McKenny was listed for possible closure with our students going to Pioneer and Centennial.

On November 30th the board will take the different scenarios into consideration. During this time the schools that are being proposed to close will have 90 days to host a hearing for family/community to express concerns/questions/etc. This would be an opportunity for us to share positives about our school. Some examples of our positives/strengths are:

- Investment in the school/Building Updates: Traffic garden, HVAC system, new carpet, bike shed, updated ceiling in the play shed, playground: PTO/School raised money needed for a new playground: \$35,000
- Running club and school participation in Capital City Marathon
- Community engagement: school is within a community that lends itself to walking/biking to school, large turnout for Walk N' Rolls each month, trunk-or-treat for McKenny kids/families & community, Veteran's day assemblies and projects, Hawk Hangouts
- Culturally inclusive events: Cultural Kaleidoscope
- Engagement and promoting of the Arts:

- o 2nd year in providing a live theatre performance put on by the McKenny students. This year the PTO provided funding along with a grant to put on a performance of ANNIE Jr. This support allowed there to be no participation fee which eliminated financial barriers for students. This performance was attended by community members as well as families.
- o McKenny PTO is planning to provide financial support to the Olympia Junior Programs to continue to ensure children have access to live theater and the Arts.
- PTO has provided holiday gifts and Thanksgiving meals to families in need who are a part of the McKenny community
- Focus and mission to be a school that is welcoming and provides a safe environment to all those in their community and beyond.

These positives can also be shared and can help advocate for the support of McKenny to send to the board. November 29th is when support emails, letters, etc will be need to be supported which is prior to the OSD board meeting. March is when a decision is expected to come.

Treasurer Report

- Buy iXL license this past month
- Theatre production, last check was given to PNW Theater
- Slight spending on movie night
- \$25,963.30 in current backing account

Olympia Elementary Community Collaboration

This meeting is suppose to have a rep from each PTO in the school district. Big project is a land acknowledgment at each school which include a dance, ceremony, etc. that will celebrate our local tribes. Discussion around shared PTO funds to support those who don't have a large PTO presences.

Updates:

PNW Theater: Concessions brought in over \$1000 this year. Grant \$4000 by ocean spray also covered the costs. Would greatly benefit from a committee to help support the event.

Trunk-or-treat:

Great success, 3rd year and felt it went smoothly. Community members also attended.

Read-a-thon:

Forms due Monday, some are still trickling in. Raised \$6100 so far. Prizes are for most minutes raised rather than money raised. All kids got a button and pencil no matter minutes raised. 47 kids total participated, 40,000 minutes read. The most minutes read winners will be announced next week.

Money raised will go towards iXL licensing, running club, and library support.

Photo Fundraiser:

Completed and photos have been sent out. \$710 raised. Potentially doing a spring photo fundraiser. Sabrina Enright is a photographer on the side and would be open to helping in the future.

Movie Night:

Around 30 kids signed up so far. Sonic will be November 17th at 6:15pm.

BoosterThon:

Discussed the need to do this given the money already raised this year. Also discussed, do we need to have a 3rd party run the event compared to our read-a-thon fundraiser. Janelle to look at contract and if we could cancel for this year.

New Business:

Website Redesign:

Completely redesigned, www.mckennypto.org. Current and past event flyers are posted on the website. Signing up for PTO is made easy.

Olympia Junior Programs:

The organization is now needing to fundraise to continue to support this community event. Deadline for the fundraising is March 1, 2024.

Holiday Presents:

Looking to gather donations & funds to provide 30 presents for McKenny families. This is working in collaboration with Kiwanis club. Utilize the sunshine fund (\$108) as well as PTO provide \$400. Jessie Moreno-Graham motioned to give \$400, Becky Conn 2nd, all approved.

Meeting adjourned: 8:02pm