

# McKenny PTO Meeting

## Tuesday, February 9, 2020

### Over Zoom

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**Attendance:** Michael Havens, *Principal*; Cherie Andreassen, *President*; Mindy Swedberg, *Vice President*; Taylor Swedberg; Abby Terpening, *Treasurer*; Ingrid Aries, *Secretary*; Marny Howell, *Value Village Coordinator and Facebook Coordinator*; Michel Nelson; Julie Carignan; Amy Schof; Kate; Bodee; Amanda Villani; Kamaron Durocher

**Meeting over Zoom convened at 6:31.**

**Ingrid read the minutes.**

**\*\*\*Motion made, seconded and approved for accepting the meeting minutes as written for December and January.\*\*\***

#### **McKenny Update (Michael Havens):**

- Talent Show
  - The talent show went really well. It was a great way to share students' talents.
  - Talents shows in the future will likely take this form.
    - Saw a variety of talents
    - Kids were less nervous because they weren't performing live
  - He plans to find a way to post the videos from it
    - Probably on his Schoology page
- Students Returning to Hybrid
  - Preschools have been coming since September
  - Small groups have been coming since December: ELL, SPED, students struggling and needing support
  - Scheduled Kindergartners started last week for two days a week
    - It's been great and feels so normal
    - Reminder for Michael of why he is interested in the work--engaging with students and learning their names and learning about them
    - Support staff had felt a void not being able to support kids and teachers as they'd like
- Also great to provide online school for kids whose families aren't ready to return yet (or aren't able to yet)
- 1st and 2nd Grade will return February 22nd
  - Everyone is excited
- Michael went over the schedule for what it will look like as students return to school
  - Para's are supporting getting kids into the school and taking temperatures
  - The day consists of many core instruction blocks with a couple of recess and lunch breaks

- As classes get added back, there will be multiple recesses and lunches so we are still working with smaller numbers of students in areas
  - There will be a K/3 1st/4th, 2nd/5th Recess and lunch About 70% of kids are coming back
- There are never more than 38 students in the cafeteria and we can safely seat 42
- Paras will be supporting kids
- Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Andersen will teach 1st grade in person and Mrs. Johnson will teach distance learning
- Mrs. Francis will teach distance learning; Mr. Shobin and Mrs. Campbell will teach in person
- Safety protocols are running smoothly
  - There is a certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
    - C-5 is a care room for if a child is showing signs of COVID
      - It has an exterior door straight to the circle for kids to exit safely home
  - Movement will mostly take place outside, especially as more students return
    - There are new systems that are needed for things like gathering lunches brought to school
      - Things are adapting and changing as kids return and will continue to change as more kids return
- Assemblies will continue online, PE and Music will continue online
  - Both help foster whole school and grade level community
- Zooms on Wednesday morning for Hybrid students will include students from both cohorts
- PTO is a big part of fostering strong school community
- Material distribution will be on Wednesdays every two weeks (starting March 3) for students in school
- 8 kids from Madison that needed a place for online learning have joined Miss Stanley's Kindergarten class.
  - Our school is supporting families that may only be here for a few months
  - We want to help them feel a part of our community
- No speculation on other grades returning
  - Need time to adjust schedules for Paras and figure out other things

### **Treasurer's Report (Abby)**

- Value Village about \$150
- Box Tops about \$150
- Combined Fund Drive about \$166
- Read-A-Thon money is in and \$1,000 went to Mrs. Hooper for the Library
- Finally get the yearbook refund
- Only expense was \$16 for Zoom
- Do teachers have any needs?
  - May have needs for school supplies
    - Students need to have separate supplies and store them separately

- Teachers should save receipts
- **Motion made to give \$100 for our 15 classroom teachers, 2 specialists, and the SPED Department if they turn receipts and form turned into PTO (how much, where, what for, itemized receipt, etc.). It was seconded, and approved unanimously.**
  - We have \$1750 currently set aside for Teacher Support
  - \$1800 will go teacher support

**Other Business (Cherie):**

- **Design Thinking Workshop**
  - Training that WMS staff had approached looking at how to create an inclusive community
    - PTO's wanted to do this as well
      - They wrote a grant and it was approved
    - Ingrid and Cherie will attend
    - We will look at surveying our members after
- **Read-A-Thon Library Donation update:**
  - Nancy Hooper, our librarian, wanted to share her thanks: "I have bought AMAZING books for the school Library with the money from the Readathon!!! I was able to work with our community book stores to enrich our library with wonderful examples of equitable and diverse books families can be excited to read with each other. These books will be quickly put into the system so students and families can begin to enjoy them right away!"
- **Apple Tree** (Drama Company) messaged saying that they have continued with online classes
  - She would be happy to provide a short play or videos for kids to work on independently
    - Wanted to keep kids connected to the Arts
  - Michael will reach out to Heidi to see more about what she is thinking
    - He will report back what he hears
  - This break might make for an easy transition to another drama company
- **Yearbook**
  - We have worked with 2 companies over the last couple years
  - Companies have approached us about assembling a yearbook
  - If we are contracted we have to use a district approved vendor
  - We need someone who is willing to do it
  - Not willing to work with a company for now
  - We normally subsidize yearbook costs, we have \$1000 in the budget
    - Might be fun to tap into that to make 5th graders feel special
  - Things probably need to stay fluid
- **Spring Fundraiser is on the schedule**
  - A carnival is not realistic
  - Is there another fundraiser we might want?
  - Perhaps there is more flexibility in what we could be allowed to do
    - Volunteers are still not allowed on campus

- It will probably be a while
- Could we do something like Script or small business fundraisers or anything that supports the community and our school?
  - Carrie will contact MOD Pizza to see what they might have
  - Kami will reach out to the family who owns Lemongrass
- Love to see other zoom family nights
  - Upcoming multischool PE night
  - cooking night as part of a nutrition lesson for PE

Zoom meeting adjourned at 7:55