

# McKenny PTO Meeting

## Tuesday, May 11, 2021

### Over Zoom

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**Attendance:** Patrick Murphy, *Superintendent*; Michael Havens, *Principal*; Cherie Andreassen, *President*; Mindy Swedberg, *Vice President*; Abby Terpening, *Treasurer*; Ingrid Aries, *Secretary*; Marny Howell, *Facebook Coordinator*; Carrie Andrew; Natica Bacon; Frank Durocher; Michel Nelson; Jessie Moreno; Amy Schof; Marny Howell

### Meeting over Zoom convened at 6:33

#### Patrick Murphy (Update):

- Best budget situation we have ever had
  - We fared well during the pandemic
  - Federal government invested in schools due to the pandemic
  - \$4 billion going to schools
    - \$3 billion from federal government
  - Hopefully you took the survey
    - Unique in talking about mental health, more teacher support
  - Change in how we do schooling
  - Not go back to normal, go back to better
  - K-12 has gone back for those wanted 4 days a week
  - Goal in the fall: back 5 days a week full time
  - Virtual learning is still wanted and they are planning to do it next year for those that want it
    - Looking to hire a virtual academy principal and teachers
  - When our metric is at 200, we may or may not have to go back to cohorts in middle school and high school
    - We have to wait and see
    - Race between vaccine and transmission
    - Now 16-18 and 12-15 are able to get vaccinated
      - There are clinics coming up to help get these groups vaccinated
      - May be able to vaccinate all kids 2 and up by the end of summer
  - Currently 1 in 4 students are staying remote
    - All of our staff have done so much work to make sure that everything is safe and ready for kids
  
- **Michael Havens:**
  - All of our teachers are back on site
  - Under 10% of our students wanted to remain online
    - Partnering with other schools to meet those needs
    - Speaks to our school culture

- Excited to be back because families trust our school
  - PTO is part of creating that culture
- Combined cohorts
  - Brought in some students from other schools
    - Collaboration between colleagues across the district has been a great outcome of the pandemic
    - Switching schools and teachers isn't ideal, but we are giving kids what they need
  - So much more fun to have the kids, teachers, and staff back
  - Music and library are still remote
    - Hopefully be back to that next year
  - Don't notice the difference as much
- Already planning for next school year
  - Expand PE and music and add Art
- Don't officially have staffing for next year but we won't be losing staff
  - Looking to increase Social Emotional Support
  - Our counselor is remote
    - Michael has been able to meet with some kids who need support
- Some spring things will be doing altered things
  - End of year celebrations
- Will volunteers need to be vaccinated? We don't know yet.

**\*\*\*Motion made to approve April Minutes. It was seconded and approved.\*\*\***

**Treasurer Update (Abby):**

- Money for MOD and Chipotle came in. MOD brought in over \$600, Chipotle brought under \$300
- Money out: Reimbursements for Teacher Appreciation, Zoom, Teacher Support

Thank you for teacher appreciation. Everyone felt appreciated. They loved MOD Pizza and all the food provided.

Reader board would be great for the future use of funds

**Restaurant Fundraiser Updates:**

- MOD brought in over \$600, Chipotle brought under \$300
- Going forward MOD in the fall and MOD in the spring
- Not a lot of effort to bring in the money
- Limeberry? Marny will reach out and see if we need a representative and see about times.

**Teacher Appreciation Review:**

- It went really well

- Several people gave case when they drove through the circle in the morning and saw the poster for PTO donations
- Next year to to make things easy, flyers and poster should have QR Codes
  - The easier we make it, the more people get involved
- Different types of tasks on sign-up genius gave people a variety of options to sign up for (food, decorations, plants, drinks, gift cards, etc.)
  - Very successful
- Ingrid will send out thank you card photo to volunteers

#### **Next Year:**

- Sarah Lankford will take on Yearbook
- Company has been very flexible

#### **Board Nominations for PTO Next Year**

- Co-President: Ingrid Aries and Carrie Andrew
- Vice President: ???
- Secretary: Michel Nelson
- Treasurer: Abby
- Parent-at-Large: ???
- Site-Council Rep: Michael

Thank you Cherie for your three years of service!

#### **Formal roster needs to go in the next minutes**

#### **Possible Activities next year:**

##### **Fundraisers and Events:**

- No value village
- No actual collecting of box tops (just promote apps)
- Restaurant fundraisers
- Store rewards
  - would be nice to find someone who could get trained by Marny
- Jumpstart
- First day of school for 1-5 and for K
- K-1 connections
- Park Party before school? (Would need to be careful in wording thanks for liabilities)
- Ice Cream Social Tentative
- Fall Social in October – great time and place to make connections
- T-shirts for new families – Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and new families
  - Order a bunch in bulk so we can give out
  - Need a point person
    - Cherie could help with
- Carnival
- Fun Run in the Spring

- MOD in fall and again in the Spring
- Readathon In November
- Spend the money on a reader board. Having a goal helps people want to spend money.
- Should we pursue a drama option?
  - Toad was used by McLane and they were awesome
    - Need a parent interested in heading up

A lot of what we can do next year is dependent on regulations

**Meeting adjourned at 7:58.**