

**McKenny PTO Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 10, 2020**  
**Over Zoom**

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**Attendance:** Michael Havens, *Principal*; Cherie Andreassan, *President*; Mindy Swedberg, *Vice President*; Abby Terpening, *Treasurer*; Ingrid Aries, *Secretary*; Kameron Durocher, *Community Connections Chair and Volunteer Coordinator*; Frank Durocher; Julie Kwakye, *Directory Co-Chair*; Carrie Andrew, *Parent-at-Large*; Natica Bacon; Marny Howell, *Value Village Coordinator and Facebook Coordinator*

**Meeting over Zoom convened at 6:35.**

**Ingrid read the minutes.**

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

**McKenny Update (Michael Havens):**

- In the midst of MAP testing, which is usually handled on sight but right now relies on parents helping with proctoring. It's been hard for teachers and frustrating because the data is less reliable.
  - It is unclear if students are getting assistance. Will we see a drop in scores when students take the test again?
  - Why do this?
    - We accept funding through LAP, which provides funding we use for supporting students (specifically during WIN -what I need- time)
    - In the past it supported certificated teacher Mrs. Wilson's part time job
    - No half time teacher this year, but 2 full time para positions this year
    - If we say no, we couldn't accept the funding and would lose those positions
    - 3rd-5th grade at least have one year under their belt
    - Our younger kids are struggling a bit more
      - Usually did DIBELS with Kindergarten (which is no longer accepted by the state)
      - Kindergarten and 1st grade are doing it onsite in small groups
        - This data will be more accurate
        - First time for Kindergarteners in the building
          - Mr. Havens (or Mrs. Chavez) reads them a story
    - Testing three times a year
      - Usually goes unnoticed by parents but more obvious since families are supporting
- Veteran's Day Assembly on Friday at noon.

- Middle school has videos and music to share
- We'll still do school songs and our next life skill: courage
- Golden Hawk has started:
  - There is a mural that Mrs. Chavez, Miss Britney, and Miss Ursula created
    - Kids get their picture taken during next distribution time
    - Prints of pictures will be made and go home
  - Mr. Havens records a video in schoology and this is played live and shared with the class during when it fits into their morning meeting.
- The stories and things that he thinks are good, including songs and such, are available on his schoology page
- Michael is teaching 3rd grade Second Steps lessons.
  - Good empathy for him in seeing the struggles that teachers face
    - Helpful for observations later on
  - Will figure out how to video tape to share for students who can't attend
- Numbers of people attending the supply/packet distribution is down
  - They tend to trickle in the next week when supplies and items are needed
  - The school is still delivering to 10-12 families
- Talent show would be really fun

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

- Insurance paid (\$350)
- Website (\$18) - we don't need to spend the budget because it's good for three years
- CFD donation of \$115
  - Now all direct deposit so it shouldn't be an issue of waiting on checks
- She is working with the accountants on our taxes

#### **Sunshine Fund (Update):**

- So far still no need to access. Michael is expecting there will be more need and we will need to access it soon.
- Principal's fund can be used to pay internet balance to get families eligible for internet essentials (low cost wifi)
  - A lot of the funds will be used up by this
  - Money from wreaths will all go into the principal's fund and spread evenly between schools by a percentage just as it had been done for the fund originally

#### **Directory (Julie):**

- Trying to get more families recruited to PTO, but we haven't seen a lot and we probably won't
- Julie can send it out again every quarter or if there are 10 or more families, then we can send it out again outside of that time
  - She will plan to send it in November, February, and April (and more if needed)
    - Send out the pdf of this Friday
- Box Tops (Carrie)
  - Normally we bring in 1500 clips and we had 43 this time
    - Only 4 families turned them in

- Due to fewer clips available (most are now done through scanning your receipt)
    - Due to current pandemic situation as well
- Updates:
  - Pumpkin Carving:
    - Students who received prizes were super excited to get their prizes
      - Prizes: leftover keychains and toys in a bag
  - Scavenger Hunt:
    - Went great
    - Lots of people working to make a Halloween that was safe
    - 60 prizes handed out for people who completed the puzzle
    - The word was “together” but this was difficult for some
    - Really good turn out
    - Looked like parents were connecting
    - Nice to have an hour time frame (during daylight)
  - The PTO approves of Michael and Ingrid working on a Talent Show for the school (over zoom)
- Readathon:
  - “Celebrate Reading” is the theme
  - Prizes have been a large motivator
    - Asking for a budget for prizes knowing that those motivate
  - Timeline:
    - Paperwork out next week
    - Begin the week of November 22rd through December 12th
    - 3 weeks (with one week that will include Thanksgiving)
  - Prizes:
    - Perhaps a prize being getting a book that has been donated and quarantined
    - Gift cards would be great since then people can buy items that work for them and their family
  - Decorating doors contest:
    - With the theme “Celebrate Reading”
    - Mrs. Hooper could pass out butcher paper
      - Could be cupboard door or bigger door
    - Can send in pictures
  - Guest Readers
    - Spirit could read (act out while someone reads)
    - Could use filters to make it more fun
    - Reading buddies?
  - Book Character Dress Up during assembly  
**\*\*\*Motion made for \$300 for prizes for the Read-a-thon, seconded, and approved\*\*\***
  - We brainstormed ways to have students turn in forms and money
    - We agreed that there would be no envelopes:

- have people turn in a baggie or envelope with their name and grade level
- Email in reading logs (or picture of them)?
- Need both paper and digital turn-ins
- Final decision: Have parents turn in a google form with money amounts and number of minutes read for each child
  - Linked to PTO gmail
  - Include the link and have it sent out after the Read-a-thon ends
- Involve teachers the least amount as possible
- The PTO is okay with Readathon committee planning events that coincide with Readathon

#### Canned food drive?

- Could we participate in the canned food drive (usually connected to the HS)?
  - There is a food drive (5 days in December)
  - We could possibly do a pickup at our school and Michael could take things to the high school
    - Michael will look into it and figure it out

#### Yearbook:

- School pictures?
  - We haven't heard anything stating or implying that their would be school pictures this year
- We aren't under contract so we can take the year off if we'd like
- Maybe shutterfly could give a code to families so they can make their own free yearbook

#### Parent Meeting (Cherie):

- We need to be careful how much PTO communicates through the school email
- Cherie will fill us in on this and more things during our next meeting

#### Teacher appreciation:

- Is there a way to share the teacher interest forms with families?
- Mindy will have Michael mention teachers filing out the forms
- Figure out a way to have teachers who haven't filled out the forms if we need them
- Cherie will work on finding a way to share this information with families

**Meeting adjourned at 8:10.**

See everyone again on December 10th at 6:30.