

McKenny PTO Meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2022



Attendance: Ingrid Aries, *Co-President*; Michael Havens, *Principal*; Elsee Myers; Becky Conn; Mindy Svedberg; Janelle Cromwell; Collette Pailson; Sara Mollas; *VIA Zoom: Vanessa Centeno, Parent-at-large; Whitney Gonzalez; Marny Howel; Jeff Soderquist; Amy and Chris Schof; Julie Carigan; Nelly Zapata; Martha Kazanjian; Bodee West*

Meeting convened at 6:31pm

Welcome & Introductions

Motion to accept March minutes, seconded, and approved.

McKenny Update (Michael Havens):

- Superintendent coming to May's PTA meeting
- Traffic Garden planning committee met. Students are encouraged to participate in the design. Volunteers from the school and community will be needed. Helmets, bikes and scooters have been donated. There will be an opening ceremony with ribbon cutting sometime in June. The community will be invited to the event as well.
- Planning for next year has begun. It looks there will be 3 kinder classes and 2 of all other grade levels. There will be a new position in the form of instructional coach next year. The position includes helping staff with curriculum as well as working with small groups of children as needed.
- The district has begun researching a balanced calendar. They received a grant that allows them to observe other districts with this already in place as well as research the pros and cons. The idea behind the balanced calendar is to prevent the "summer slump" that happens with students who are out of school for extended periods of time. The balanced calendar would also have a component that provides opportunities for learning during breaks.
- No masks indoors has been going really well. Kids have transitioned nicely. No negative remarks. About 20-25% of kids and staff still wearing them.

Treasurer's Report

Ingrid reported on the PTO budget:

Income – Amazon & Coke rewards totaling \$150; teacher & specialist support \$250; Fun Run \$7,658; Hawkwear order payments came in and were than paid out to the promotional company
Expenses – Year book payment; Hawkwear invoice

Updates

Playground Equipment and Reserves – Looking at bigger play structures to cover area of recently removed climbing structure and soon to be removed sand pit which was a hazard due to wasps, sanitation and injury (throwing of sand). Hoping for a summer installation. Looking into 3 district approved installers: Buell, NW Playground and Cre8te. Still in planning phase.

Hawk Hangouts – Not a great turn out last month. Weather wasn't great. Next one is next week. Flyers and email reminders will go out. Still looking for volunteers to run these.

Sweetley's ice cream fundraiser- \$500 was raised which gives \$125 for the 5th grade end of the year festivities. They are planning on getting a 2nd truck which would mean they could come to us for special events such as carnival.

Yearbook- Yearbook submission is April 19th. All photos have been submitted so Sarah Lankford can work on finishing touches.

New Business/Events

Mod Pizza Fundraiser- April 20th 10:30-10 online orders excepted. Next year plan the fundraiser to coincide with teacher appreciation to raise more money.

Teacher Appreciation Week- First week in May. Volunteer sign-ups are going out in sign up genius. May donate items or money.

M: Coffee and donuts

T: Snacks and gift card raffle

W: Thank you notes and flowers

TH: Mod Pizza Lunch

F: Gran and go snacks

Sarah Mollas presented on Carnival:

Carnival is coming up on the evening of Saturday, May 21 from 5:30-8. Theme is Night at the Movies. Set up will begin Friday afternoon as well as on the day of the event. Many games will be outside. Food will be grab and go prepacked items to take into consideration the health and safety of every one. Baskets will be both silent auction and name drawn baskets. We are still in need of community donations and volunteers to head this area. Classroom baskets are 2 per grade level. Each grade level has a theme. Class representatives will work with classroom teachers to get items for baskets. Volunteer sign ups have begun. Save the dates for carnival will go out soon.

Board Nominations- We are looking for people with younger students to take over some of the positions. By laws have overview of positions if interested although they have not be updated to include new easier procedures that began because of Covid. The plan is to vote on nominees next month.

The next PTO meeting is May 10, 2022.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm.