

McKenny PTO Meeting Tuesday, December 7, 2021



Attendance: Michael Havens, *Principal*; Carrie Andrew, *Co-President*; Ingrid Aries, *Co-President*; Jessie Moreno-Graham, *Vice President*; Michel Nelson, *Secretary*; Vanessa Centeno, *Parent-at-Large*; Elese Meyers; Mindy Swedberg, Nelly Zapata.

Meeting convened at 6:31pm

Welcome & Introductions

Motion to accept November minutes, seconded, and approved.

McKenny Update (Michael Havens):

- Michael sent out an email to families today about the school's Equity Team desire to reinvigorate International Night in new ways to honor community participation and inclusion in the planning process. This event will be part of a larger equity focus that will extend beyond a single evening. The planning committee may come to the PTO in the future with a funding request. Ingrid suggested possible coordination with a district parent equity committee that is also planning equity activities.
- Teachers are currently utilizing specialists in the classroom and may additionally reach out to parent volunteers who might be interested. There is an application process and orientation for those who are interested.

Treasurer's Report

Carrie gave the Treasurer's report for Abby:

- We received \$82 from the Amazon Smile program.
- All expenses and income for Read a Thon are accounted for and we still have \$4K remaining to apply to PTO approved projects.
- Total income of \$331 for MOD Pizza fundraiser.
- We've received \$553 from Hawkwear orders.
- We paid a \$1,000 deposit for the Yearbook.
- Specialists have largely expended their designated PTO funds for the year; most teachers haven't yet requested reimbursement but we expect them to submit requests for items for the classroom that they have already or will purchasing.
- Tax prep & PTO P.O. Box annual fees were paid.

- Sunshine Fund provided some holiday presents for McKenny students!

Mindy reported that she used PTO specialist funding on a speaker for PE music and for lacrosse sticks.

Jessie mentioned that she will wait until after the holiday break to contact Dept. of Health about playground equipment requirements.

Action Items/New Business

Ingrid reported that the Zoom Talent Show will happen on January 25 probably at 6:30 pm (time TBA). Heather Mathews, McKenny's Music teacher will help produce the show presentation and will need student video submittals by January 14. Thanks to Heather! Information with more details will be sent to all families. Ingrid is working on a video for students to promote their participation, all talents are welcome.

Fundraising Ideas for Consideration:

Vanessa reported that Sweet Lee's Ice Cream truck on Harrison Ave. on the west side does school fundraisers and donates 25% of sales for the chosen day at no cost to McKenny. Other options are 1) they may have a second truck that could travel to our Spring Carnival that would be a 15% donation of sales and require a deposit; 2) they cater events; 3) they deliver ice cream with varying minimum fees. Sweet Lee's is a local business that crafts small batches of ice cream with locally sourced ingredients. Michael suggested a McKenny day at the west side location during conference week at the end of March. Vanessa will check with the business to see if the date works for them.

Amanda brought a fundraising idea prior to the PTO meeting of selling coffee beans for \$14/bag and the PTO would receive \$5/bag (the cost of the coffee is \$9/bag). Those in attendance wanted more information and had some questions about timing with other fundraisers, logistics of delivering the coffee bags, etc. There was discussion that it might be a great idea for families to purchase as holiday gifts that support McKenny. Those in attendance decided to recommend that the idea go to the PTO's fundraising agenda for next holiday season.

Volunteers are needed to solicit donations for Carnival baskets. Abby has done this almost singlehandedly for a number of years and could use assistance. Donations need to be solicited now and there is a contact list so volunteers don't need to necessarily make cold requests. If you are interested, please contact mckennypto@gmail.com.

Teacher and staff appreciation forms are available for gift ideas – just email the PTO and we'll share you child(ren)'s teacher preferences list if we have it on file.

HawkWear is being delivered next week and those who ordered items will be notified when they can pick them up.

The next PTO meeting is Tuesday, January 11, 2022.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 pm.
Participants proceeded to play BUNCO and had a lot of fun!**