

McKenny PTO Meeting Tuesday, February 8, 2022



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

Meeting convened at 6:32pm

Welcome & Introductions

Motion to accept January minutes, seconded, and approved.

McKenny Update (Michael Havens):

- Talent show was fantastic – thanks to Ingrid & Heather Mathews for producing the show. Heather showed the recording in music class for those who couldn't view the event in real time. Hoping to have another Talent Show in the spring and a music class show for all students to be involved. They will accommodate those who do not want their child on video.
- OSD Levy – Results may be available tomorrow; the OSC Superintendent reported earlier that the minimum number of ballots were received so when the outcome is announced the results are final.
 - Traffic garden may help increase McKenny's portion of safety levy proceeds.
District leadership is excited about the project!
- Great turn out for walk & Roll event – included students and entire families!
- Report cards will be available in Skyward beginning Feb. 15. Conferences are scheduled for the last week of March.
- Michael is participating soon in a meeting with other schools to discuss capital plans and will highlight our planned Traffic Garden; it meets the district's strategic plan goals of health & fitness and teamwork.
- McKenny is doing well managing absences related to COVID, no shutdowns. We are lucky to have two McKenny moms who are substitute teachers and are able to fill in for absences and staff training.
- District decisions about COVID related mandates are based on the county health lead.

Treasurer's Report

Carrie gave the Treasurer's report for Abby:

Income received included funds for store rewards programs, Hawk Wear, and a reimbursement to the library. Expenses included Hawk Wear, Teacher Appreciation snacks/recognition and administrative costs.

The PTO budget currently includes extra reserves for the purchase of playground equipment.

Action Items/Updates

Talent show: with Heather's involvement, this event will transfer from a PTO supported annual celebration of student talent to a school hosted event.

Hawkwear: There will be one more order placement this school year, with a deadline of February 18. There are still no long sleeve t-shirts last time or this time (PTO is asking those who ordered before if they want to switch to short sleeved) but the company now offers items in blue as well as grey.

Hawk Hangouts: The dates are selected, and we now need volunteers to be on site to welcome McKenny families. Amanda will send out a sign-up genius to ask for volunteers. Jessie volunteered to edit and distribute brochures.

Fun Run: The PTO's second fundraiser for the year, Fun Run, is Friday, March 4. Kickoff for the fundraising Boosterthon team, who is managing the event, is Feb 23 and they will be on site to encourage students to sign up. Registration opens tomorrow – look for an email! Funds raised will go to specialists resource needs and a playground equipment purchase. Ingrid made a video that is on the PTO website and our social media; if you share on your social, pledges will come! Volunteers will be needed outside to flag laps and a request will be sent out.

Playground equipment: Jessie has been in touch with people from OSD and the health department and has some specific about size and safety considerations. We can take out the bee-friendly sandbox and other equipment, although that may lengthen timeline. We need to establish a budget for equipment and installation, send a plan review document that the contractor and playground company uses, and receive health department approval. Once we know more we hope to send a survey to families to learn their favorite structures. Becky volunteered to handle correspondence with potential contractors.

Yearbook: Ingrid reported that Sarah Lankford has lots of photos from Trunk or Treat, and more variety is needed from families and teachers. Please upload to the app! We've eliminated the fifth grade baby photos because they are difficult to gather.

Carnival is May 21! Sarah Mollas and others are beginning to plan for a mostly outside event with a Movies theme. We still need volunteers to seek donations from businesses for the auction baskets; please contact mckennypto@gmail.com if you can assist. We will work with teachers and one lead parent in each class to provide classroom auction baskets.

2022-2033 Board recruitment begins now

We will need a Treasurer and there are many other positions - if you are interested, please reach out for more information. Ingrid and Carrie are willing to remain co-presidents unless others are interested. Elections will be held in May.

Mindy shared more about the Traffic Garden: McKenny received a grant through Safe Kids Thurston County and Walk and Roll in the amount of \$10K (sponsored by State Farm). Two former McKenny students who are now taking graphics classes at Oly High are helping paint the garden! Unveiling will happen this spring.

The next PTO meeting is Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm.