



McKenny PTO Meeting November 8, 2022

Attendance: Carrie Andrew, *Co-President*; Ingrid Aries, *Co-President*; Becky Conn, *Vice President*; Jessie Moreno-Graham, *Volunteer Coordinator*; Janelle Cromwell, *Secretary*; Amanda Villani, *Treasurer*; Whitney Gonzalez, *Parent at Large*; Tess Roth, Britney Johnson, Collette Paulson, Megan Rodrigues, Jenee Kramer, Jeff Soderquist, Heidi Radden, Mindy Swedberg, Vanessa Canteno, Michael Havens,

Attendance via Zoom: Markisha Lynch, Ivy, Maria Del Rosario Garcia Lopez, Nelly Zapata

Meeting convened at 6:30pm

Welcome & Introductions

Motion to accept October minutes, seconded, and approved.

McKenny Update (Michael Havens):

- School Improvement Plan will be presented to the board soon. Will share goals and action steps.
- Moving forward with plan to send 5th graders to CISPUS. A lot of work for principals and district leaderships because two main employees of OSD that were driving force are not here anymore. McKenny students will go with friends from Pioneer, Boston Harbor and Hansen.
- McKenny had a great conference week. Time for teachers to share goals for students and initiatives for school.
- Most field trips will be science related for this school year. Hoping they will inspire and engage students outdoors.
- All school assembly on Wednesday, October 10th for Veterans Day.
- Acknowledging and celebrating different cultures in our hallways, classrooms and announcements. Part of the school improvement plan.

Tutoring Volunteer Opportunity (Charo):

- McKenny is looking for consistent volunteers to help with students and in classrooms. Charo is looking to put together a volunteer schedule. If you are interested in volunteering to help provide resources for students and family, please contact Charo directly, McKenny PTO or apply on the Olympia School District Website.

Updates:

- OSD Parent Leader Meeting: Meeting attendees include PTO Presidents, Principals, and all school community leaders. Meeting educates and ensures all non profits and schools are following laws regarding fundraising and sales. Two takeaways for McKenny PTO.

1. Disclosures for PTO Fliers to separate PTO and McKenny
 2. Reminded of sales and gambling laws
- Hawk Hangouts: Last hangout was canceled due to smoke.
 - Playground Installation is scheduled for 11/11. AI with OSD Health Department will be out on 11/15 to make sure playground is structural sound. Once we can get wood chips delivered then kids can play on it.
 - Restaurant Fundraisers: Scheduling Chuckee Cheese. Decided to move forward with Humble Cow on 6/12 from 6-9.
 - Movie Night: Next Movie Night is 12/9. We need more popcorns. 145 kids in attendance. Improvements for next movie night include:
 1. Multiple check in stations by Alphabetically order
 2. Better pick up system
 3. Better information on flier
 4. No water bottles
 - Teacher Appreciation (Becky): Teachers were very appreciative of all the great donations and participation.
 - Trunk-or-Treat (Jeff & Vanessa): Great turnout and had the perfect amount of candy. Jeff agreed to do Trunk-or-Treat next year. Firetruck in the circle was a great hit.
 - Read-A-Thon (Jenee/Megan): Raised approximately \$7,400 and hope to have prizes and winners by next week. Since they raised more than goal, Mr. Havens will add something extra to encourage students. Money raised will go towards teachers and specialists accounts and \$2,000 to library. Mrs. Matthews requested \$100 for a recorder set for her classroom. **Motion to approve Mrs. Matthews request, seconded, and approved.**
 - Directory & Google Workspace (Tess/Carrie): Directory was sent out. Reach out to Tess if you have any questions.

Treasurer Report:

- Playground and Insurance were paid this month. Made enough money from Hawk Wear to pay for kindergarten shirts next year. Hope it will continue to remain self-sustaining.

New Business

- Scripps Spelling Bee (Kirti): Kirti presented opportunity to incorporate Scripps National Spelling Bee at McKenny. Mr. Havens will talk to teachers and Mrs. Hooper to decide if it is a viable option for McKenny.
- CheddarUp (Ingrid): Suggested increasing membership to allow for more users and easier system access. Estimated cost will be \$300 annual fee. **Motion to approve teams membership, seconded, and approved.**
- OECC (Collette): Committee to help ensure all schools are equitable. Stacy Brown heads it up. They recently completed survey's for all OSD Elementary PTO/PTA's to see how much participation and fundraiser each school does. There were ideas to create a joint pool that all schools donate 15% of their proceeds to help fund other schools. It was also discussed to work with other PTO/PTA's on joint projects.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 pm.