



McKenny PTO Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2018

6:30-8:00 pm

Members Present: Kamy Durocher, *Co-President*; Frank Durocher, *Co-President*; Natica Bacon, *Vice President*; AnneMarie Hanson, *Treasurer*; Marny Howell, *Secretary & Volunteer Coordinator & Fund Run Co-Chair*; Heather Shimoji, *Parent Representative*; Kim Flowers, *Movie Night Chair*; Mindy Swedberg, *Parent*; Ingrid Aries, *PTO Bulletin Board Co-Chair*; Abby Terpening, *Parent*; Jennine Crane, *Parent*; Amanda Benjamin, *Parent Representative*; Cherie Andreassen, *Parent Representative*.

McKenny Staff Present: Michael Havens, *Principal*; Patti Francis, *2nd Grade Teacher*; Valorie Paulsen, *4th Grade Teacher*

Absent: Jill Walsh, *Staff Appreciation Chair and Parent Representative*; Sarah Mollas, *Carnival Chair*; Carrie Andrew, *OJP and Box Tops Chair*; Michele Smith, *Read-a-Thon Chair and Parent Representative*; Jessica Wilson, *Parent Representative and Fund Run Co-Chair*; Megan Temple, *Apple Tree Productions Co-Chair, Facebook Chair, and Yearbook Co-Chair*; Frank Boss, *Spirit Leader Chair*; Carissa Miller, *Parent Representative*; Janice Houghton, *Parent Representative*; Jenny Carnahan, *Parent Representative*; Cala Risse, *Parent Representative*; Chun Wang, *Parent Representative*; Rema Al Sahli, *Parent Representative*; Denise Hammer, *Parent Representative*; Anna Bartholet, *Parent Representative*; Jenny Fuller, *Parent Representative*; Jennifer Lobe, *Parent Representative*; Ineka Tedford, *Parent Representative*; Paul Blair, *Parent Representative*; Babette Carlson, *PTO Bulletin Board Co-Chair*; Hitomi Hentschel, *Parent Representative*; Brandi Gish, *Fall Social Chair and Parent Representative*; Myja Butcher, *Parent Representative*; Natalee Andrews, *Apple Tree Productions Co-Chair and Parent Representative*; Chad Warren, *Value Village Chair and Parent Representative*.

Meeting convened at 6:33pm by Frank

Approval of December Meeting Minutes: (Marny & Frank) Minutes approved.

McKenny Update: (Mr. Havens) Mr. Havens shared that Debbie Doherty will be retiring. Mrs. Chavez is continuing, but due to her contract she is not eligible to receive first consideration for this vacancy as it is an 8 hour position. Mrs. Chavez is 2 hour administrative and the rest of her FTE hours are paraeducator hours.

Mr. Havens expressed gratitude to PTO for the staff appreciation events and themes throughout May. He explained how some staff are not in the building every day of the week or during both the morning and the afternoon, so the way PTO staggers the days and times of events is helpful for all staff to join. He shared that Marny Howell was selected as Advocate of the Year and was invited to attend an Ice Cream Social on 5/24 where a volunteer from each school is recognized as well as the Olympia Education Association (OEA) Teacher of the Year and other staff who are retiring.

For next school year, the anticipated teachers per grade level are as follows: two kindergarten classrooms with the same teachers; three first grade classrooms with Mrs. Rieger no longer teaching a ½ split; two second grade classrooms with the same teachers; Mrs. Campbell will be teaching a 2/3 split class; two third grades with the same teachers; three fourth grades with Mr. Bremner; and three fifth grades with a new staff member being hired from LP Brown.

Financial Report: (AnneMarie) A check from BoxTops in the amount of \$415 was received. Value Village raised \$502 which was improved over the fall event and more consistent with the amounts earned last year in both the fall and spring. Carnival was successful and raised \$5698 after expenses thus far. Four Square account that Natica created was used again and found to be rather profitable. Last year carnival it was quite new and related to \$650 in sales, this year it saw \$2000 in sales. The Yearbook bill and payment will be coming within the next month and PTO purchases about \$200 in yearbooks for 5th grade students that can't afford them. PTO assisted in the purchase of poster boards for the upcoming wax museum project the 4th and 5th grades are doing, but only spent about \$34 net so far.

Mrs. Paulsen requested PTO consider purchasing the 150 student license for IXL again next FYI . The quote we have expires 5/23. Our current subscription is good through October 2018. This request will be included in our budget for the next school year.

Old Business

Committee Reports

1. **Value Village:** (Kamy for Chad/Rhonda) The spring fundraiser was more profitable than Fall. Mindy assisted with picking up larger items in her truck after school on the Friday before 4/21. The fundraiser was also in better weather and was better advertised and promoted. Rhonda and Chad did a raffle for a \$10 iTunes gift card and had a banner and balloons out at the event. Thank you to them for chairing and volunteers who assisted them in making this successful.
2. **Teacher Appreciation:** (Kamy for Jill) Jill Walsh is in Switzerland with students doing a study aboard trip. She shared that the Starbucks outside of Lacey Fred Meyer donated coffee which was much appreciated. There were other treats for staff in addition to the coffee. There are two more May dates and the SignUp genius will be shared again for next Weds, 5/23 and Thursday, 5/31.
3. **OSD Parent Leader Meeting:** Kim Flowers attended the final OSD Parent Leader meeting of the year. She wasn't able to stay for the entire meeting, but made some connections and shared ideas about carnival and fundraising. She shared an idea for a fundraiser that involved PTO hosting a school wide Bingo night.
4. **Carnival:** (Kamy for Sarah) Sarah Mollas has agreed to Chair the event again next year. The attendance was felt to be rather high comparatively. In the future, it might be useful to count attendance from year to year for participation levels. There was a line for tickets (the flyer to purchase tickets in advance was sent home a bit later than in years past). A few parents were surprised that the cost was different for buying tickets at the event rather than in advance, but not negative feedback was received and the line moved fast. Abby reported receiving 20 tickets to Disneyland this year based on the Donation request and the extra work she did to provide them with names/email addresses of all the volunteers as well as provide a description of the event and photos. There was a total of 189 volunteers that were counted. The Mollas family

won tickets in an auction basket and will receive 5 of the 20. The remaining tickets will be saved (they have a 2 year window) perhaps for next year's auction basket so we have physical tickets to go in the basket rather than an IOU statement for when they are received. The remaining tickets may also be used to increase participation in fundraising events throughout the year.

One parent suggested including more "experiences" available for raffle such as lunch with the principal, or a Tech workshop with the Librarian for 5-10 students, or an Art workshop with Mrs. Bond, etc. Mr. Havens clarified these are welcome additions, but need to occur during school hours and on school grounds for safety considerations.

The Bake Sale ran out of items before carnival was concluded. This was in part due to less bake sale items being donated than in years past when it was more heavily promoted in addition to cake walk. This was also due to older kids purchasing cupcakes for a cupcake fight they had in the field. There was no damage or mess in the field reported to anyone. Cherie also explained that the donuts that were donated went fast within minutes of the bake sale and carnival starting.

Having the National Honor Society student volunteers there to help was again quite valuable for the event to be successful. They were asked to stay until the carnival was cleaned up and were helpful in moving many items back to the shed and tables inside. Marny provided a thank you card and a gift card to Safeway after the event (donuts or fruit or treats) for the group.

A suggestion for not selling glass soda bottles next year for safety considerations was made. Being sure to put a gym mat on the concrete at the end of the bouncy house so kids weren't getting hurt. The holes in the football toss game were too small for the football we found to use (the football fit but it made the game more challenging). More and better prizes next year from Oriental Trading were suggested as many games ran out and the prizes that were left over towards the end of the evening weren't a great incentive to entice kids to keep playing the games. More lollipops for the lollipop tree was suggested for next year as many kids didn't want the prize for not pulling lollipop with a black dot on the bottom, they rather wanted a lollipop. A suggestion was made for having recycling more available for paper, cardboard, glass and plastic items. There are large recycling containers behind the school cafeteria next to the play shed. With regard to allocating items to classroom parent reps for the classroom auction/raffle baskets for next year, more timely notification and clearer instructions for the specific parent reps if they have to go to a community business to pick something up. One parent rep picked up a few gift certificates to a bike shop that weren't assigned to her basket. There was also discussion of splitting up some of the baskets to give more people opportunities to take a basket home. Raffling the candy center pieces was a nice touch to give opportunity to more people to "win" something. Also, holding the auction and raffle towards the end of the evening was good for keeping people there participating longer while they waited to hear about the raffle winners. One theme suggestion for next year is Super Heroes.

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1. **New PTO Board Election:** (Kamy) Kim Flowers has agreed to run for the Treasurer position for next FY. Heather Shimoji has agreed to run for the Volunteer Coordinator position for next FY. Jennine Crane has agreed to run for the Secretary position for next FY. Cherie Andreassen has agreed to run for President for next FY, although she clarified that she has 4 kids and a Full Time job, so would not be ever present at the school for each PTO function and would rely on the strength of the PTO Board and PTO membership to cover things at time. Natica Bacon indicated she will remain Vice President for next FY if she doesn't find a replacement before the start of the year. A vote was held for the election of these four new PTO Board members which was passed favorably. The new PTO Board Members will shadow and take part in running the next PTO meeting in June which is the last meeting of the year.
2. **Limeberry Dine for Cash Fundraiser:** (Kamy) Interest in contacting the same Limeberry to host this PTO fundraiser on the last day of school was expressed. One PTO member present agreed to contact Limeberry in efforts to get this set up. The last day of school is June 20, 2018 (Weds).

Announcements: (Frank) Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for THIRD Tuesday, June 19th rather than June 12 because the 4th/5th Grade Wax Museum event was happening until 7pm that event and would likely impact availability.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.