

McKenny Elementary PTO Board Meeting
February 6, 2012
6:30 pm, McKenny Library

Board Present: Jocelyn McCabe, President
Michelle Johnson, Vice President
Kim Wodka, Secretary
Katy Bradley, Treasurer
Melissa Johnson, Past President/Parent Representative
Casey Wyatt, Parent Representative
Stephanie Hacker, Parent Representative

Committee Chairs Present: Jennifer Philbrook, PTO Bulletin Board
CT Moen, Missoula Children's Theater

McKenny Staff Present: Brendon Chertok, Janet O'Halloran

Absent: Sharon Whitehead, Parent Representative
Tara Hays, Parent Representative
Rhoa Rafeh, Parent Representative
Deb Rutherford, Parent Representative
Cary Carlisle, Parent Representative

Olympia School District Maintenance & Operations Replacement Levy/Capital Improvement Bond Presentation (Bob Mara): Bob Mara presented on the Olympia School District Bond and Levy currently on the ballot. He described the differences between and bond (for building construction/renovation) and a levy (improvements inside existing buildings). The bond includes building a new middle school on the campus of Centennial Elementary to ease overcrowding. He primarily wants to get across that the school district is not asking for any additional tax dollars. They just want to replace the existing levy. Go to the Olympia School District web site at <http://osd.wednet.edu> for more information. Handouts outlining the bond and levy are also available in the school office. Please remember to vote!! Election day is February 14.

Old Business (Jocelyn McCabe): Jocelyn received a thank you note from Laura Johnson for the PTO board member donation to GROWL after the passing of her husband.

Kim Reiter is the winner of the Facebook question. Kim was the first to correctly answer that Brownie Bites are the new item for sale through Otis Spunkmeyer. Kim won a Starbucks gift card. Congratulations Kim!

Pacific Science Center has been rescheduled to May 15. Snow days caused the January date to be canceled.

Safety Patrol is asking for \$50 for a mid year party. **Motion: PTO will provide the McKenny Safety Patrol with \$50 for a mid year party. Motion passes.**

Budget Update (Katy Bradley): Katy presented an updated copy of the PTO budget. Discussion was held re: yearbook sales. Jocelyn will contact Laura to set a date to send out yearbook order forms. Jocelyn will also follow up with Laura about the number of yearbooks the PTO needs to order. Katy will delete the budget line for “School Support -Outdoor Items”.

Update from McKenny Elementary (Brendon Chertok): Teachers and staff are reviewing the before school reading and math programs for 3rd -5th grade. The math program is doing really well, while the reading program attendance is decreasing. Staff involved in these programs will sit down with Brendon to look at the structure and content of the program.

The district is beginning budget discussions for next year. Janet O'Halloran and Katherine Ely are the McKenny representatives to the school board. Opportunities for community input on the budget will be announced soon.

Storm Clean up: The district continues to work on school debris cleanup on a school by school basis. Safety concern areas were addressed first and now general cleanup is being addressed. Jocelyn asked if we should organize a weekend volunteer clean-up crew. Due to district regulations volunteers are not able to do the cutting of trees and shrubs and since this is the majority of work that needs to be done on the McKenny campus we will hold off on a work party until the district conducts the pruning.

Janet O'Halloran provided an update on the Oly Samba group. The kids are currently working on learning 3 different rhythms. A student performance assembly is to be scheduled for March.

Brendon wanted to let everyone know about an email from Marsha Stead. She could not be at the meeting tonight, but she wanted to thank the PTO for their support of the reading enrichment position.

Make-Up Days: It is OSD policy to make up snow days at the end of the year and that is currently the plan for the days missed in January although the district will announce a decision for make up days in early spring.

New Business:

- **Fundraising Update:** The Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough sales are in progress. All order forms and money are due back to school Wed., Feb. 8. Michelle is looking for volunteers to tally order forms and count money on Wed. Please contact Michelle Johnson michelle@todde.net if you are able to help out.
- **Spring Carnival:** The carnival date is changed to May 12. Looking for a theme, ideas included a beach theme, or sports theme. Jocelyn asked Brendon to ask the student council for theme ideas. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE CARNIVAL A SUCCESS.** Look for organizational meeting dates to be announced soon. Volunteer sign up forms will also be in individual classrooms during spring conference week.

Committee Reports:

- **Missoula Children's Theater (CT Moen):** Tryouts for King Arthur's Quest were held today. All children trying out got a part. Two 6th Grade McKenny alumni are coming back to be assistant directors for the performance. Show times are 3:00 and 7:00 on Saturday, February 11. CT needs volunteers for ticket sales, bake sale item donations and volunteers to run the bake sale booth. Please contact CT Moen mcmoen@comcast.net if you are able to help out on Saturday.
- **Staff Appreciation for February (Jocelyn McCabe):** We want to take advantage of Valentine's Day to show our teachers and staff we love them. Please contact Kim Wodka kcwodka@yahoo.com if you can help provide some Valentine's treats for our teachers.
- **PTO Board:** The board is looking for new members to take over for the 2012-2013 school year. Please contact Jocelyn jmccabe34@hotmail.com if you are interested in a board position. Being a board member is a great way to be involved in your child's school!

Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 8 – Cookie/Cash Donations are due
- Feb 14 – ELECTION DAY: PLEASE VOTE
- Feb. 24 – Box Tops Deadline for current School Year
- March 5 – PTO Meeting at 6:30 in the school library
- March 6 – Cookie dough distribution in the school gym
- March 9 – International Night
- March 16 – Movie Night at 6:30 p.m.
- May 15 – Pacific Science Center Assembly

The meeting concluded at 8:00 pm.

