

McKenny Elementary PTO Board Meeting
January 9, 2012
6:30 pm, McKenny Library

Board Present: Jocelyn McCabe, President
Michelle Johnson, Vice President
Melissa Johnson, Past President/Parent Representative
Sharon Whitehead, Parent Representative

Committee Chairs Present: Laura Medrud, Yearbook

McKenny Staff Present: Brendon Chertok

Absent: Kim Wodka, Secretary
Katy Bradley, Treasurer
Tara Hays, Parent Representative
Rhoa Rafeh, Parent Representative
Stephanie Hacker, Parent Representative
Deb Rutherford, Parent Representative
Casey Wyatt, Parent Representative
Cary Carlisle, Parent Representative

Old Business (Jocelyn McCabe): McKenny Math Club status: Jocelyn reported that there was only one student this week for Math Club. Morris Sandvig requested that the PTO help in getting the word out about Math Club starting and Jocelyn reported she would put in in the next Hawk Talk. Math Club is for 4th and 5th graders and cost is \$25.00/wk.

Capitol Project update: Jocelyn stated that she feels we should wait on current project ideas until we get a clear report of current payments that need to be made in regards to the Classroom Enrichment Position, Missoula Children's Theater and Pacific Science Center.

It was discussed and agreed on that the PTO would pay 1/3 of what is owed for Sherry Russell's position with the exact total to be figured out between Brendon and Jocelyn then reported to Katy for payment.

Update from McKenny Elementary (Brendon Chertok): Samba OlyWA Group (South Sound Drum and Dance Group) is going well and the kids are having a great time. They will have their 2nd practice this week. They will perform at International Night March 9th.

Brendon lead discussion on the district attendance policy. He is still looking at the number of excused and unexcused absences and when to send notes home to families. Reminding the group that school funding is tied to school attendance. Brendon continues to welcome feedback from the PTO and McKenny families.

Easy CBM testing will be starting soon testing all reading skills.

K-2 will focus on Phonics, Fluency and word segmentation.

3-5th will focus on Vocabulary and composition.

This will help in placement for kids in the Walk to Read program and other interventions that might be needed for before and after school programs.

Search for the new Superintendent: Forums will be held this week and next week. For more information contact Ryan Betz at 360-596-6104.

New Business:

- **Cookie Dough Fundraiser (Michelle Johnson):** Michelle discussed the Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Fundraiser. The current plan is to have a school wide assembly on Jan 27th at 2:40. The consultant, Julie Laning from Otis will come and run the assembly. She will need 3 teachers to participate in a cookie eating contest and then 4-5 parents to help hand out cookies to parents in the turnabout after school. Current plan is that the packets will go home with the student on Jan. 27th and then return the week of the Feb.6th. The cookie dough will be delivered about 3wks after orders are in and counted. More updates to come. **Motion: PTO will order a few extra tubs of cookie dough in case of an error on someone's order. Motion passed.**
- **Spring Carnival (Jocelyn McCabe):** Possible date was chosen for May 5th. More discussion to happen at the Feb. PTO meeting.
- **Facebook "Like" Contest (Jocelyn McCabe):** Jocelyn discussed trying to get more McKenny families to "Like" us on Facebook. We currently have 77 on Facebook. The suggestion was made to purchase coffee cards to use as incentive to join us on Facebook. **Motion: PTO will purchase a few coffee gift cards. Motion passed.** Jocelyn will handle the purchase of the cards.

Committee Reports:

A. Yearbook Update (Laura Medrud): Laura reported that the yearbook is about ½ way done and going very well. Discussion on how many books to order. Possible plan to only order what has been paid ahead of time plus a few extra. March or April will be the dead line for orders. Laura plans to get more order forms out to families soon.

B. Box Tops (Jocelyn McCabe for Kristine Lane): Jocelyn reported that we received a check for \$362.50 and the last date for collection is in Feb. Current class competition has Ms. Nelson's class in the lead with 581 and Ms. Doughty at 502.

C. Staff Appreciation (Jocelyn McCabe for Cary Carlisle): Cary would like to do something for the staff in Feb. to let the staff know they are loved. (Valentines Theme) Cary will be asking for volunteers to help her.

D. Movie Night (Jocelyn McCabe for Cary Carlisle): January movie night is scheduled for Jan.13. No Movie night in Fe. Due to Missoula Children's theater and Mid winter break. March Movie night is Kung Fu Panda #2.

E. Missoula Children's Theater: Missoula Children's Theater is scheduled for Feb. 6-11, 2012 with title of the play being King Author.

Announcements:

- Next PTO meeting is Feb. 6
- The PTO-sponsored Pacific Science Center Assembly is scheduled for January 19.

The meeting concluded at 8:00 pm.