

McKenny Elementary PTO Board Meeting  
October 3, 2011  
6:30 pm, McKenny Library

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

**Committee Chairs Present:** Laura Medrud, Yearbook  
Jennifer Philbrook, PTO Bulletin Board

**McKenny Staff Present:** Brendon Chertok, Tim Brewer, Janet O'Halloran

**Absent:** Deb Rutherford, Parent Representative  
Cary Carlisle, Parent Representative  
Tara Hays, Parent Representative

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from August 17, 2011 meeting approved.

**Update from McKenny Elementary (Brendon Chertok):** Brendon reviewed Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Guiding Principles. Teachers and Staff will continue to distribute feathers to students demonstrating the guiding principles. Each month two life-skills will be focused on. For October the two skills are Friendship and Caring. Students seen exhibiting these behaviors will be given golden feathers.

Reminder that Wed., Oct. 5 will be a 1 hour late start for teacher collaboration.

A before school math/reading program is starting led by para-educators.

Interviews are being conducted on Wed., Oct. 5 for the P.M. Kindergarten position and the Reading Classroom Enrichment position. The Reading Classroom Enrichment position is re-posted on a yearly basis to remain compliant with district guidelines. Brendon hopes to have a decision for both of these positions by the end of the week.

McKenny teachers are working in collaboration with the Evergreen State College and currently have seven student teachers in the building. The students work as co-teachers with the classroom teacher. Tim Brewer elaborated on the co-teaching program. Beginning in November first year teaching students will be coming in once a week to work in classrooms. This program will continue through June.

**New Business:**

**PartyLite Fundraiser Proposal (Rhoa Rafeh):** Paula Lake presented the PartyLite Fundraising Program. The program is limited to three candle sets in seasonal fragrances. Items are \$15 or \$20, the PTO will receive 50% of the profits and items ordered are shipped directly to the seller with no shipping costs. It is suggested that Paula be able to set up a table to allow parents to see candle sets and fragrances available at the Fall Social. All orders will go through the students.

**Motion: PTO will run the PartyLite Fundraising Program in November. Motion carries.**

**After School Tutoring Proposal (Morris Sanvig):** Morris, a former McKenny parent, would like to begin an after school tutoring program to offer students and opportunity to reinforce math concepts covered in class and assist in the transition from elementary to middle school. The program will be run by math endorsed teachers (not McKenny teachers). The program will be fee based aimed at 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders for 1 hour after school Monday-Thursday. Morris is asking the PTO to assist with collecting payment from families for the program and then pay program staff. Discussion was held re: this program and the morning para-educator led program. Jocelyn would like to survey parent interest and work further with Brendon and Morris in defining the logistics of the program including times, fees and location.

**Teacher Requests (Janet O'Halloran, Tim Brewer):** Janet is looking into bringing the South Sound Drum and Dance group McKenny. This is a percussion group that would include music and interactive dance. Janet is looking into funding options. She has a \$500 commitment already and may be looking to the PTO to assist with some funding. No formal funding request was made at this meeting.

Janet and Tim would also like to make parents aware of the special session that Gov. Gregoire has called in November. She is asking for proactive parent support to let our legislators know what we value in our childrens' education. She may set up a letter writing campaign in the near future to assist parents in this communication process.

**Budget (Katy Bradley):** Katy presented the preliminary 2011/2012 PTO budget. The Classroom Enrichment line was decreased from \$15,000 to \$10,000. She would like to add an expense of \$300 for a cooling vest for the mascot costume.

**Motion: Approve 2011/2012 Budget as amended. Motion carries.**

Jocelyn also requests the board think about projects we would like to fund this year with our fund raising efforts. Suggestions include a PA system, a camera for the PTO, Homework Club. Please bring any suggestions to the next meeting or contact Jocelyn.

**Committee Reports:**

**Directory (Jocelyn reporting for Gini):** The deadline has passed to be included in the school directory this year. Gini is working to get the directory out as soon as possible.

**Fund Run ( Kim Wodka):** The Fund Run is Thursday, Oct. 6. Collection envelopes are due back to school on Monday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. Kim would like to encourage parents to come out and cheer on the kids as they run.

**Movie Night (Jocelyn reporting for Cary):** The first movie night is Friday, October 7. The movie is Rio. Forms went home Friday and are due back by Wed., Oct. 5. Parent volunteers will receive a voucher for a free future movie night.

**Fall Social (Casey Wyatt):** Fall Social is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 4 from 6:00 – 8:30. It will be a western theme, a title of Hawk Hoedown was suggested. Casey needs volunteers to be on the Fall Social committee. Each grade will be asked to bring specific items for the bake sale. There will be some structured dance led by Rhoa Rafeh.

**Yearbook ( Laura Medrud):** Laura wants to encourage everyone to upload photos of school functions for the yearbook. To upload photos go to the PTO website [www.mckennypto.org](http://www.mckennypto.org) click on the yearbook link and follow the directions. Laura does have a parent assisting her this year who will be able to take over yearbook next year when Laura's son graduates from McKenny.