



McKelvey PTO Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: April 18th, 2019 at 6:30pm

Location: McKelvey Elementary School Library

Executive Board: President Nancy Strebe, Vice-President Deepa Chandran, Vice-President Amanda Lofton, Teacher Representative Glenda Petrofsky, Treasurer Tracy Niemeyer, Treasurer Dan Mueller, Recording Secretary Greg Homrighous, Corresponding Secretary Mugdha Deshpande, PTO Advisor Danielle Dixon

- I. Call to Order, Greetings and Welcome
 - Meeting called to order at 6:43
- II. Corresponding Secretary Report (Mugdha Deshpande)
- III. Treasurer's Report (Tracy Niemeyer & Dan Mueller) - Income exceeding expectations. Trivia night > expectations by over \$1800. \$1100 over three restaurants and ninja night. Balanced budget for next year. Budget for teacher request is running over budget, but expecting requests to increase. When we go to two schools, one PTO and one budget.
- IV. Principal's Report (Kim Cohen)
 - Paint in gym peeled, it will be repainted
 - Sound system in gym will be replaced (incoming request)
 - Railings to be raised to be current code
 - MAP starts on 4/21 (rest, breakfast, on time- please)
 - Fully hired, new 1st grade teacher; 3rd grade new as well; .5 art teacher moving for a full time role elsewhere, backfill coming soon.
 - Principal for the day- got feedback from students
- V. Ways & Means
 - Amazon Smile (Tracy Niemeyer) - we get about %5 for purchases. We're a little ahead for the year
 - Box Tops (Kim Bishop-White) - low, but we get the final numbers.
 - Dragon Donations (Tracy Niemeyer) - Ahead of the goal for the year
 - E-Scrips (Angela Shields) - Last month was \$2.70. Almost no income from it. Schnucks shifted their program (so we did Ninja Warrior and an extra restaurant night). Voted and approved to remove from budget this year.
 - Popcorn Day (Amanda Lofton & Tracy Niemeyer) Need volunteer for 4/26
 - Skate Nights (Vince Skroska) - would like to see more people attending
 - Spirit Wear (Nancy Strebe) - 50% off was a hit, welcoming volunteers who



want to help

- Looking for committee members to coordinate restaurant nights and events

VI. Events & Activities

- Beautification Day! April 27th, 2019 (Nancy Strebe)
 1. Sign Up Today on Signup.com
 - a) 9-11 AM next week - planting flowers, we should have flyers
 - b) Would like to have Beautification committee to decide on what new playgrounds look like and what projects to take on in the future
 - c) We will not be picking up trash, tools provided unless you have something you want to bring

VII. District Committee Reports

- Parkway Alumni Association (Adam Spector) -
- Government Relations (Beth Casagrand)
- PACCD (Olivia Mendez-Alm) - Last discussed children w/ special needs and getting long term care. Also, legal next steps for children suspended or who miss a day
- Website Coordinator (Stephanie Jones) - No major changes. Would like to beef up the volunteer page

VIII. Old Business

- Gym Makeover Almost Finished! Sound Panels to be Installed

IX. New Business

- Teacher Requests (Tracy Niemeyer)
 1. Proposed as savings request for sound panels - \$8000, approved with no objections.
 2. Discussion why paint peeled, and the effort of the people who did it. They put in a lot of work. We get four days from the district for painting.
- MAP Test Launch Day: Chalk & Encouragement (Nancy Strebe)
 1. April 20th & 21st - stop by and draw some encouragement on the front walkway and sidewalk to help your students feel supported
- Teacher Appreciation Week May 6th - May 10th: Celebrate Each Day (Nancy Strebe)
 1. People to join committee!
 2. Lunch on Friday 5/10
- Open Positions for Next Year:
 1. Corresponding Secretary - position is perfect for someone just starting out with the PTO! Helps to convey any correspondence that the PTO receives from teachers or parents and announces upcoming meetings. This position has a lot of room to learn and grow!



(Amanda Mueller- signed up for it)

- Committee Sign-ups Going Around!
 1. Beautification Day Committee
 2. Back to School Bash Committee
 3. Trivia Night Committee
- Proposed Consideration in form a Committee to Plan “Other” Fundraising events (ie. restaurant fundraisers & recreational fundraisers)

X. Upcoming Dates:

- April 21st, 3pm: Chalk & Encouragement Day
- April 24th: Late Start
- April 24th, 6:30pm: 5th Grade Parent Meeting in the McKelvey Library
- April 26th: Popcorn Day!
- April 27th, 9-11am: Beautification Day
- April 27th, 10am-4pm & April 28th noon-4pm: All District Art Show in Queeny Park
- May 17th: Field Day & Popcorn Day!
- May 22nd: 5th Grade Graduation
- May 24th, 9-10am: 5th Grade Kickball
- May 24th: Last Day of School
- Back to school bash and meet the teacher 8/12 - party, food trucks, bounce house. Bash - starts after meet the teacher

XI. Discussion

- Feedback on homeroom parent parties + purchasing, and recommending separating those duties
- Suggestions also on what games to have the kids play for the party days
 1. Get feedback from the kids in the Principal Advisory Committee
 2. Discussion of streamlining and offering suggestions on timing, especially for 5th grades. Open play with fun for 5th grade discussed for parties.

XII. Meeting Adjourned

- 7:45PM

Next PTO Meeting - September 2019 (date TBD)