



MCNEAL ELEMENTARY PTO MINUTES

August 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order by PTO President, Sarah Ford, at approximately 5:55 pm.

In attendance:

Principal Sheila Waid and Vice Principal Ashley Terry

Board Members: Sarah Ford (President), Jessica Chmielarski (Vice President), Erica Ward (Treasurer) and Sheena Jordan (Secretary)

Attendees: Chayna Picard, Noelle Reynolds, Liz Power, David Havasi, Jaime Marco, Lindsay Milner, Kayla Dissington, Danielle Terribile, Katie Upton, Teresa Johansen, Abigail Doyle, Jennifer Lovric, Amanda Hasenzahl, Heather Baty, Elena Vergnais, Zulay Chu, Tamiaka Barrack, Maria Van Slyck, Marina Meyer, Robert Meyer, Tina Peters, Dawn Schmid, Amanda Dalnodar, Jodi Samson, Erica Ferraro, Amy Luce, Melanie Martin, Caraashley Huther, Megan Eliason, Bella Rubal, Anna Bunyak, Alexandra Antapasis, Sarah Lilly, Lindsay Hartman, Sarah Miller, Caitlin Saviano, Maria Ade, Brian Baty, Petra Pearsall, Anthony Tretolo, Sarah Zabel, Julie Ruffing, Lora Sevarino

Meeting Report and Agenda:

President's Report:

President Sarah Ford gave Opening Remarks
Minutes from May 16, 2023 meeting were approved and seconded by Erica Ward.

2023-2024 PTO Board was introduced. Sarah Ford-President, Jessica Chimielarski-Vice President, Sheena Jordan-Secretary, Erica Ward-Treasurer.

PTO description given. Members automatically part of PTO by having a student enrolled in the school and all staff members of the school. PTO has a FB page (McNeal Elementary PTO) that will be posting updates on all events. Email to contact PTO is mcnealpto@gmail.com and website is mcnealpto.org. No paper flyers will be sent out this year, so please make sure to follow us on social media and check dojo and website for updates.

Beautification day was a success. Thank you to girl scout troop 574 for mulch donation, Mrs. Gulbrandsen for cleaning up the McNeal garden, and the Benson family for their time and skill creating the mural and paw prints that lead up to the school.

Volunteer Information is on our website. There is a contact information form that can be filled out to indicate committees and/or events that would like to be volunteered for. All volunteers must complete the District Volunteer Application (link is also on PTO website). Level 1 volunteers are allowed on campus supervised a staff member. Level 2 volunteers are allowed on campus without being supervised, but must get fingerprinted and be on file with the district (at the cost of the volunteer). Level 1 needs to be updated annually, but level 2 is good for 5 years. Volunteers are allowed on campus between 9am and 1 pm. Jen Mandzik can check volunteer status for you.

A sign up genius will be sent out at the beginning of each month that will include all volunteer and donation opportunities for that month. Please watch Facebook and Dojo for that.

Our first volunteer orientation will be on August 21st at 9:15am. Safety procedures and PTO events and committees will be discussed. District volunteer applications must be submitted prior to the orientation.

Gilbert's Birthday bash will be on August 25th to celebrate the 20th anniversary of McNeal. There will be inflatable games, face painting, a DJ, and balloon animals included in the cost of the ticket. Food trucks will be available for purchase. PTO is still looking for 1 more family/business partner to sponsor an inflatable game.

Grandparents night will be on September 8th and will coincide with the Bookfair. Mrs. Sevarino discussed the book fair details. Book Fair will be through Literati this year and will run from Sept 7-13th. All volunteers and teachers receive 10% off. Watch dojo, Facebook, and PTO website for a sign up genius to volunteer.

Spirit Wear for 2023-2024 has launched. All items are purchased online. There are a variety of items, logos and colors to choose from. Items will be shipped directly to your house, or can be picked up at Banana Bug in Palmetto.

Committee Report-Thank you to our chairs that have already signed up and have gotten started. We are still in need of chairs for Color Fun Run, Sweetheart Dance, Bingo Night, All-star night, Field Day, Decorations Committee, Awards Committee, and Staff Appreciation Week

Partnership Committee consists of Noelle Reynolds, Mrs. Terry, and Jessica Chimielski. Thank you to our current business partners. If you have business that would like to partner with McNeal, please email mcnealsponsorships@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report:

No membership dues for PTO. Selling Classic Spirit Wear for the "stock the lounge" fundraiser was a success. Last years generosity got the school off to a great start by already paying for PikMyKid, Accelerated Reader, and Leader in Me program.

Principal's Report:

Sheila Waid gave her report during the SAC meeting, which followed promptly after PTO was adjourned.

Open Forum:

No Questions asked

Closing Remarks:

President Sarah Ford gave closing remarks, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm and seconded by Noelle Reynolds.