



## McNeal Elementary PTO Minutes

**January 19, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by PTO President Stacey Pawlak at approximately 5:46pm.

**In attendance:**

Principal Cheryl McGrew and Vice Principal Ashley Terry

Board Members: Stacey Pawlak (President), Noelle Reynolds (Vice President), Kristi Dyer and Jolene Stewart (Co-Treasurers) and Lindsay Milner (Secretary)

Attendees: Ashlie Fulmer, Jessica Spence, Stacy Freeman, Mandy Frint, Kelly Smart, Joe Battaglia, Dawn, Jennifer Kovatch, Jeremy Tarte and Nichole Craig.

**Meeting Report and Agenda:**

**President's Report:**

Stacey Pawlak gave Opening Remarks

Minutes from November 2020 meeting were approved

Valentine's Day is coming up and the PTO is happy to be sharing a small treat with the entire staff.

The board also has spoken about the idea of Valentine's Grams to earn money for the PTO, as well as spread a little happiness with the students. Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> school wide we will be celebrating Valentine's Day, so the Valentine's Grams and all materials would need to be at the school by February 8<sup>th</sup> to allow for the appropriate time to quarantine before distribution. Principal McGrew mentioned smencils are a great idea for the PTO to purchase for students as well. Stacy Freeman shared she felt the kiddos would really enjoy a written note, but it makes it hard for the one's who may not receive one. Everyone agreed that the students would only be allowed one gram and the PTO would be purchasing a pencil to ensure everyone got something.

Virtual Boosterthon dates are March 22nd- March 31<sup>st</sup>. PTO pays upfront for the t-shirts and then we will get reimbursed later. Kristi reported that the t shirt is usually based on the theme of that year. Principal McGrew mentioned following up with Monica for any additional details.

Another idea the board had is a virtual family fun night. Mainstages.com offers a fun way for a large group to virtually have a game night school wide. The cost is based on the number of people that sign up. 100-person limit. Jen Kovatch really loved that idea of that or utilizing kahoot.com for a free version. The board decided to do a little bit more research and we will meet again on this idea.

Parent/Teacher Night Out: Would the district be ok with us having an outdoor event for parent/ teacher night out? We can utilize The Big Cat Habitat and the theme could be Walk on the Wild Side. Principal McGrew is going to check with the district. Jen Kovatch said we could also have a night dedicated to McNeal at one of the Ranch Nights as well because food trucks are already there, and it could potentially cut costs significantly for the PTO. They already have social distancing etc figured out. Kristi Dyer also reported in the past the expense for a location and food can get extremely expensive. We would also need to check with the insurance provider to see if they would cover it with COVID-19 policies possibly in place for in person events. Principal McGrew reported a meeting the following day would occur, and she would get more information.

Possible Outdoor Movie Night: Location ideas were UTC (since they currently have a set up), Ruskin Drive-In or maybe a park. Principal McGrew noted the park may not work with parking already being an issue for soccer on the weekends. It may be best to find a location and venue that already has this figured out.

Staff Appreciation Week: McNeal usually doesn't follow the nationwide dates for this due to testing. Testing dates are TBD and this event will be announced as soon as those dates are concrete.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Teacher reimbursements are still trickling in. We are continuing to pursue in-coming sponsorships still. We did receive a \$250 kickback from the Blaze Pizza Night.

#### **Principal's Report:**

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

#### **Vice President's Report:**

#### **Open Forum:**

- Open Forum discussions were mentioned above because they occurred as events and ideas were being brought forward.

#### **Closing Remarks:**

President Stacey Pawlak gave closing remarks, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.