



## McNeal Elementary PTO Minutes

**October 19, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by PTO President Stacey Pawlak at approximately 5:51pm.

**In attendance:**

Principal Cheryl McGrew and Vice Principal Ashley Terry

Board Members: Stacey Pawlak (President), Noelle Reynolds (Vice President), Jolene Stewart and Lindsay Milner (Secretary).

Attendees: Jaime Marco, Nichole Craig, Olivia Swartling, Mandy Frint, Sara Garger, Kelly Smart, Stacy Freeman, Tiffany Ritz, Tiffany Arbanas, Erica Ward, Angela Guldbrandsen, Sarah Zabel, Brooke Arroyo, Danielle Terribile, Larissa Smith, Josh Smith, Julie Ruffing and Jeremy Tartt.

**President's Report:**

Stacey Pawlak gave Opening Remarks

Minutes from the September 21st, 2021, meeting was approved and seconded by Noelle Reynolds.

- Boosterthon Update: This year Boosterthon will be a Dance/Fit in classrooms and a victory lap, a DJ with PTO funded popsicles following. Level prizes will be mailed to homes again this year. Every child will receive a free t shirt.
- Spirit Wear came yesterday and has already been sorted.
- Yearbook- We are looking for photos. The cover art contest information will be in mailboxes this week. Julie Ruffing asked if it would be ok to feature a few different students' artwork? Perhaps by grade. All agreed that would be fine and Mrs. McGrew reported her approval would be the final step before printing.
- Room parents have received an email with handbook and information by Lindsay Milner. Please reach out if you need any additional information.

Principal McGrew reported that there will be no volunteers for Halloween parties, but we are moving in the right direction for the Holidays. The traditional Halloween parade is back this year on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am, look for an email with information.

- Helping Hands is back! Danielle Terriibile is the chair and is welcoming parent volunteers on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month, starting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. A signup genius will be sent out for volunteers.
- Recess After Dark has been planned for November 12<sup>th</sup>, Larissa Smith is the Chair and is doing a great job pulling this event together. There will be a DJ, food trucks, glow-sticks, balls and lawn games. Flyer coming soon.
- School Store is possibly opening in January one time monthly. Stay tuned for details.
- We still need chairs for Field Day and Tile Night

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

- PTO paid for muffins and water for the Roar Awards in the courtyard, the students and parents all seemed to enjoy that.
- PTO taxes are getting done!

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

- See SAC notes

#### **Committee Report:**

- Parent/Teacher Night Out is January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This year the theme is "Wild Night Out" at Big Cat Habitat. There are two areas we can hold the event at. The silent auction will be held during this event!
- Sweetheart Dance- This will be held in the cafeteria on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- So far we have raised over \$15,000 with our business sponsors

#### **Open Forum:**

- Tiffany Arbanos asked about field trips this year. Principal McGrew reported that there will be a meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> and we are currently waiting on rules for future field trips with the "new normal".
- Principal McGrew reported that the students seem to like the new way the Roar Awards are given. They get to celebrate in their class and the parents receive a YouTube link and then everyone gets to celebrate in the courtyard. Through the pandemic, we have found many ways to pivot with positivity and we like many of our ideas even better.
- Stacey Freeman asked what projects the PTO will fund this year with proceeds from Boosterthon. President, Stacey Pawlak, reported the classrooms will be

supported with supply needs and a vending machine for books will also be purchased.

- Principal McGrew reported this year there doesn't seem to be a need as the school has 1 laptop for every 1 student, agendas and AR have been paid for and we have been able to provide teachers and staff with goodies over the course of the year so far.
- Jaime Marco asked if Spirit Wear could be purchased later in the year and possibly online? President, Stacey Pawlak, reported that we do have a few extras but only the form is currently available online.
- Stacey Pawlak reported the next meeting is on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Closing Remarks:**

President Stacey Pawlak gave closing remarks, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm and seconded by Noelle Reynolds.