



McNeal Elementary PTO Minutes

August 18, 2020

The meeting was called to order by PTO President Stacey Pawlak at approximately 5:49pm.

In attendance:

Principal Cheryl McGrew and Vice Principal Ashley Terry

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

Attendees: Nichole Craig, Donna McCrane, Jessica Spence, Joe Battaglia, Kelly Smart, Mandy Frint, Rachel Hibbert, Shea Giltner, Tana Moody, Sara Garger and Jeremy Tartt.

Meeting Report and Agenda:

President's Report:

Stacey Pawlak gave Opening Remarks and Board Introductions

Recent Purchases

- New student lawn signs
- Welcome back folders
- Agendas
- 2 staff members training for reading intervention
- Accelerated Reader program
- 1 staff breakfast- The Grove
- 2 staff lunches- Granary and PDQ
- Welcome Wildcats sign/drive-by photo booth

- Snack Bar for Teacher's lounge
- 36 cases of water for students who need a water bottle

Possible Upcoming Purchases

- Sensory items for a new sensory room
- Recess equipment

Principal's Report:

Cheryl McGrew shared numbers on e-learners and on campus students. Our school is about 50 students short of our goal number, noting the shortage is also contributed by the rerouting of some of our wonderful farming families to Myakka Elementary. Principal McGrew spoke on the school's handling of Covid19 and the dedication that the staff members have to ensuring the safety of every student. She shared about how proud she is of every student and how truly everyone is doing great, considering how different this year looks. The first rainy day dismissal fell on the second day of school, Principal McGrew noted the staggered dismissal went very smoothly considering the new restrictions. Many of the new ideas will be implemented in the future (outside of the regulations with Covid) because they worked quite well! McNeal is continuing The Leader In Me program and beginning with the staff and students coming up with their wildly important goals. Lastly, Principal McGrew reiterated that herself and Vice Principal Ashley Terry are always available to any staff member, student or family.

Treasurer's Report:

Kristi Dyer (Co-Treasurer) reported that McNeal is in good shape budget wise. The kindergarten lawn signs were purchased and given out to new kindergarten families to proudly display. Both the welcome back folders and agenda books were purchased and given out to every student (both on campus students and e-learners). Over the summer the PTO proudly provided two McNeal staff members the opportunity to take training with the Ortum-Gillingham Approach to reading and phonics as well as contributing to the accelerated reader program once again. Additionally, the PTO provided breakfast to welcome staff their first day back. PTO also afforded 2 staff lunches the first two weeks back on campus. The first true week of school with students, the PTO also delivered and created a snack bar for staff to enjoy. The PTO really wanted to come along and support the staff during this vastly different re-entry back on campus. Kristi also noted that the PTO set up a wonderful photo op space in the courtyard for families to drive up and safely take a photo to mark their 2020-2021 school year here at McNeal. She also shared that the PTO supplied 36 cases of water bottles to share with students who may forget their water bottle since the water fountains are temporarily turned off in accordance with the districts Covid19 protocols. Lastly, possible upcoming purchases may be providing the McNeal's newest project, The Wildcat Den (a sensory room for those with sensory needs or students needing a break) the needs they may have to outfit the room accordingly and recess equipment should teachers be in need of balls, jump ropes and etc.

Vice President's Report:

Noelle Reynolds gave an update on fundraising efforts during the new regulations with Covid19. Boosterthon is postponed and we do have two tentative dates in January and March on the books (one of which we will be chosen, hopefully). She also reported a new virtual fundraising opportunity called Charleston Wrap which we will unveil in October. Charleston Wrap has a ton to offer from monogrammed items to home décor and gifts. This should be a great opportunity to raise money for McNeal virtually! Spirit Wear was ordered and is ready to be purchased. All order forms will be sent out at the end of August and will be due by September 11th. The form will be sent home in Friday folders and available to all e-learners directly on the website. Noelle noted that all upcoming in person events are tbd and will resume when both the district and Principal McGrew deems them safe for our school community.

Open Forum:

- Secretary Lindsay Milner has taken over the room mom coordinator for McNeal this year and will be receiving information from Kristi in the coming days. The PTO website is also being totally revamped by Lindsay.
- Nichole Craig and Kelly Smart thanked PTO for all the food, snacks and the warm welcome back. Additionally, Kelly thanked us for the accelerated reader program.
- Vice Principal Ashley Terry thanked PTO for the warm welcome back on behalf of teachers and staff. She also thanked us for the wonderful 2020-21 photo op.

Closing Remarks:

President Stacey Pawlak gave closing remarks and the meeting was adjourned at 6:17pm.