

McDole Elementary School PTO – Minutes

Action Items in *Red*

Date: **November 16, 2021**

Called to Order: **7:01 pm**

Attendees: Jen Kmiec, Bridget Hagspihl, Leah Smith, Jake Countryman, and several others via Facebook Live. The Board Member Zoom screen was live streamed on the PTO Facebook page. (approx. **19** participants)

Welcome and Introductions

2021-2022 PTO Board:

- Jennifer Kmiec – President
- Bridget Hagspihl – Vice President
- Jennifer Crocker - Treasurer
- Leah Smith – Secretary

Treasurer's Report: Updated breakdown of budget presented. Fundraiser information to be updated. Expenses exceeded but estimated income doubled. Jen K motioned to approve. Bridget H seconded; all agreed.

Secretary's Report: The October meeting minutes are available on the McDole PTO website as well as the McDole PTO Facebook page. Leah S motioned to waive the reading of the October minutes; Jen K seconded; all agreed.

Volunteers Still Needed:

- Kaneland Arts Initiative – Attend meetings; request funding – **Julie Gritzner volunteered for this position via McDole Facebook during meeting**
- Multicultural Fair – Organize individuals to come in and share about their cultures (food, dress, etc)
- Spring Basket Raffle – Collect donations and assemble baskets
- Virtual Talent Show – Collect submitted videos and pictures
- Trivia Night – Organize location and questions; find someone to host

Committee Reports:

- ✓ **Family Fun Nights**
 - **Pumpkin Contest** – Shout out to Kalie Douglass for running the contest and Mrs. Chumbley for sharing library space to accommodate all of the amazing entries.
 - **Halloween Event: Trunk Or Treat** – Many thanks to all of the volunteers and families for making this even such a success. The remainder of the Halloween candy was donated to Operation Support Our Troops America.
- ✓ **Teacher Conference Dinner**
 - Shout out to Stephanie Converse for organizing and to everyone that donated food, supplies and funds. The teachers were left thankful and full!
- ✓ **Matt Wilhelm Assembly**
 - An amazing and entertaining event for our students that also worked in a great message on the effects of being bullied. Many thanks to the parents for their support allowing us to provide these experiences.

New Business:

- ✓ **Winter Parties**
 - Planning to run similar to the Halloween parties. 2 volunteers per classroom.
- ✓ **Winter Wear Needed**
 - With the weather turning colder, winter wear is needed for those students who are not dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. Hats, gloves, coats, snow pants, boots, etc – anything will be of great help. Items can be sent in with your child or turned into the front office.
- ✓ **Staff Requests (2 Requests)**
 - Janelle Mance is requesting \$120 to purchase sets of books by author Michael Wayne for grades Kindergarten and 1st. Jen K motion to approve up to \$150; Bridget H seconded; all agreed
 - Nurse Mary is requesting packages of both boys and girls underwear. Jen K motion to approve up to \$75; Bridget H seconded; all agreed

Jake:

- ✓ Continued thanks for support
- ✓ Great attendance at the Parent Teacher conferences
- ✓ Shout out to Ms. Andersen and Project KC – doing a great job with morning announcements

Other:

- ✓ Village of Montgomery Tree Lighting will take place on Sunday, December 5th at 5:00 pm. McDole 4th and 5th graders are invited by Ms. Andersen to perform in the festivities.
- ✓ There will be one hour early dismissal on Thursday, December 16th and Friday, December 17th.
- ✓ There will not be a PTO meeting for the month of December.

- **Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 18th, 7:00pm Virtual. / The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.**