

McDole Elementary School PTO - Minutes

Date: September 18, 2018

Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Jennifer Kmiec, Dave Wagner, Jen Crocker, Bridget Hagspihl, Kindra Schumacher, Stephanie Dugan, Lisa Hos, Patrick Raleigh, Sara Chumbley, Julie Gritzner, Nicole Smith, and several via Facebook Live

Secretary's Report: First meeting of 2018/2019 school year. No report.

Treasurer's Report: Jen K. motioned to approve, Bridget seconded, all agreed.

Board Reports:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Budget for 2018-2019 School Year
 - Smencils fundraiser will be held twice this year.
 - Breakdown of how donations were used:
 - MakerBot 3D printer: \$1,925.29
 - 1 School, 1 Book Event: \$1,000
 - Outdoor ed t-shirts for 5th graders: \$675
 - Outdoor classroom: \$1,500
 - Assemblies: \$1,600
 - 85 books for new teachers: \$733.70
 - Class parties: \$632.90
 - Family fun nights (Blackberry Farm, Halloween, etc.): \$1,222.26
 - Field day: \$1,012.53
 - Grade level wish lists: \$5,060.40
 - 180 books, 24 ball chairs, 15 active learning stools, 4 flex space chairs, 12 cushion seats, 3 storage carts, 4 weighted animals, 2 weighted blankets, beanbag chair & ottoman, 7 board games and a tent.
 - **Total PTO Donations for above items: \$15,363.08! The donations would not have been possible without the ongoing generosity shown during our events by parents, kids and family members. Thank you!**
 - The budget this year will include \$250 for each exploratory subject (Art, Music, Computers, PE, Library, Critical Thinking). Wish list/requests will need to be submitted to the PTO Board in order to spend the \$250.
 - Reimbursements can be submitted online this year. Receipts can be directly uploaded.
- Directory
 - Now online through PTBoard.com Link can be found on the PTO eBlast, Facebook page, and PTO webpage.
 - Subscription is \$50/year, but the first year is free.
 - Easier to search. Keeps track of info year to year.
 - Currently have 169 students logged.
- Supply Drop Off
 - Sign up for volunteers was online this year. We received good feedback on this.
 - Passed out freeze pops – big hit.
 - Chalked the walk to greet everyone – will do it again for future events.

Committee Reports:

- Family Fun Nights
 - Halloween Party (10/26)
 - After school event
 - Looking for volunteers to help plan. Sign up on the Volunteer site or contact Dawn Staszak directly.
 - Sign Up Genius will be announced soon to sign up to help during the event
 - Multi-Cultural Night (1/25/19)
 - An online form has been posted to sign up to participate.
 - Food will be part of the night. Sign up is necessary to track food items.
 - Tech Take Apart Night (2/26/19)
 - Held on a Tuesday night.
 - We will be collecting old electronic items (computers, phones, etc.) in December, so start holding those items now.
 - Kids will take apart the items and put back together as a STEM exercise.
- Family Night Out
 - McDonald's – Nicole provided 2 dates provided to Patrick. Possibly last week of Nov/1st week of Dec.
 - Paisano's – Nicole is looking for a date within next couple of weeks.
 - Looking into possible Lou Malnati's night – can choose 3 locations.
 - Chipotle can only be done once every 12 mos, so we will not be having a Chipotle night this school year.
 - The owner of Paisano's is offering items for lunch monitors with other schools. Patrick already works closely with her (part of Elburn chamber).
- Fun Lunch
 - Donated lunch total is 216 (doubled donations for 1st semester last year).
 - Don't have solid number yet on how many donated lunches are needed this semester, but extra donations will overflow to next semester.
 - Volunteers needed are needed to help during Fun Lunch days (11am-1:15p, but need majority of help during 11a-12p timeframe). There is a Sign Up Genius on the PTO Facebook Page and on the PTO eBlast. The first date has many volunteers, and then it trickles down. If we don't have enough volunteers, we have to cut down the number of Fun Lunch dates.
 - Had some people asking to sign up past the due date. We allowed this time, but this will be the last time. Cannot extend, because it impacts our contracts with the food vendors.
 - PTO buys bulk packs of items to fulfill orders.
- Spirit Wear
 - Custom Sports Wear
 - Order form went home with kids.
 - Due this Friday, 9/21.
 - McDole PTO Store
 - Slim inventory currently, but in the process of restocking.
 - SignFx in Sugar Grove is the best option for Friday's Spirit Day.
- Fall Fundraiser (10/19)
 - Fun Run back this year with a Superhero theme. Real superheroes will be in attendance. There will be Superhero rewards for donations. Fundraiser will start 9/28.
 - Need volunteers to dress up like Superheroes to run with the kids. Would also like adult sized superhero costumes anyone is willing to let us borrow. Comment on the PTO Facebook page or message Jen Crocker.
- Teacher Conference Dinner
 - Candance will send a food sign up during the second week of October. Dinner is held on first night of conferences.

- Room Parents Needed
 - Amanda Zimmer posted on the PTO Facebook page today to request more room moms/dads for certain classes. Room parents help coordinate parties (you don't need to attend each party, just need to find some helpers), help in spring raffle baskets, and teacher appreciation week. If you are willing, or know of someone willing to be a room parent for these teachers, please let Amanda know.
- Teacher Survey
 - To help with what to give teachers and staff for holidays, teacher appreciation week, etc., we asked the McDole staff for their favorite things. We have 45 responses. The list is on PTO website.

Old Business

- None at this time.

New Business

- Appointment of Vice President – Dave Wagner. Jen K. motioned to approve, Jen C seconded, all agreed.
- Joint PTO Meeting Topics (held 8/27)
 - After school safety – During after school events/activities, there should be no propping of the doors. If the doors are left unlocked, keep someone by door to monitor.
 - Taste of Kaneland to highlight student talent and work. Planning beginning in Oct of this year to take place during the start of next year. Will be looking for parent ideas to help tie all 9 municipalities together.
 - Kaneland Foundation Annual Golf Outing (9/20).
 - Kaneland Special Needs PTA Craft Show (11/3).
 - Food Trucks are a hot topic, so expect to see some at events.
 - The idea of a joint PTO calendar for all Kaneland PTO boards was brought up.
- Library Reading Incentive – Mrs. Chumbley (10/2 thru end of Feb)
 - Haven't told students or staff yet, so limited info shared at this time.
 - Starting a Rebecca Caudill and Bluestem book challenge. Has been done at John Shields.
 - Will provide incentives along the way and looking for a donated/sponsored pizza party at the end. Looking for pizza to be donated by a vendor (John Shields gets theirs from Genoa).
 - Students need to answer questions to prove they did the reading and receive incentives.
 - Each student will be given a bookmark of the books in the challenge, whether they participate or not.
 - Students with 15 pts or higher will get the party at the end of event. It is recommended to have the party at end of event, not end of year. One incentive falls with the Spring book fair (April), so party would need to be after that.
 - John Shields uses PTO moms to help serve food.
 - PTO will try to get the pizza donated, but Mrs. Chumbley agrees to use the \$250 budget the library gets from the PTO if pizza isn't donated.
 - Jen K motion to purchase lunch for students who meet goal, not to exceed \$250. Jen C seconded, all agreed.
- Grade Level Requests
 - 4th grade – 40 books initiatives
 - 4th grade in the past has requested that the PTO purchase the Bluestem award books. They already have 36 books in the classroom. Requesting \$320.67 to purchase more books. Jen K motioned to purchase Bluestem books for the 4th grade, not to exceed \$500. Dave seconded, all agreed.
 - If other grades have a wish list, please send them to Jen K.
- Patrick Items
 - Having McDole students help build outdoor classroom tables.
 - For the 1 school, 1 book initiative, there are prizes for answering daily trivia questions.
 - The 3D printer was installed this summer in the computer lab. Use has been opened up to students.
 - Inviting the board to join the Overall Board mtg on Oct 10th – saluting the PTO boards.

Important Links

- Online Reimbursement Request Form: <https://mcdoleptoreimbursements.paperform.co/>
- Directory: <https://mcdolepto.ptboard.com/> School Code: B3QPDC
- Fun Lunch Volunteer Registration for all events: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e0c4da5aa2fa5fe3-fall>
- Multicultural Night: <https://mcdoleptomulticulturalnight2019.paperform.co/>
- McDole Staff Favorites Survey: <https://pto.pythonanywhere.com/>
- Volunteer Registration Form: <https://2018-2019mcdoleptovolunteers.paperform.co/>
- PTO Website: <http://www.mcdolepto.org/>
- PTO Facebook Page: Search “McDole PTO” in Facebook to view or to be added to the group.

Extra Recess was awarded to **Ms. Bradford's** class in honor of the most parent attendees (both in person and via Facebook live) during this month's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.