

**McGraw Elementary PTSO
General Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2023**

Attendance:

PTSO Board Members: Ethnie Treick, Rahshida Perez

PTSO Members: Brea Auer, Andrea Kerr

Staff: Amy Smith, Paul Schkade, Reneka Hall, Laura Whale

Student Leadership: Kestrel Hobbs, Alexander Hutcheson

Minutes:

Rahshida called the meeting to order at 7:51 a.m. We reviewed the November 3, 2023 meeting minutes. Brea motioned to approve and Amy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Student Leadership: Students reported that they've been very focused on Lost and Found and are trying to improve the process at the school. We discussed additional ideas. Fifth grade leaders are working on peer mentorship and role modeling. Student leaders will help Andrea with the PTSO bulletin board.

President's Report: Rahshida did not have anything to report.

VP of Fundraising Report: Lauren was unable to attend the meeting. Amy said the Fun Run will be on September 26.

VP of Events Report: Corinne was unable to attend the meeting, but provided an update on her activities. She is looking at Sunday Feb. 4 or 11 for our Indoor Movie and following discussion, we think either day will work. She is thinking of the new Trolls movie but others at the meeting suggested we consider Wish. Muffin Moring is on April 25, Teacher Appreciation week is May 6-10. Corinne is working on Outdoor Movie Night at the Foothills Mall, date TBD, and will have Kona Ice/Ice Cream at the last day of Running Club.

The International Night committee had its first meeting on Nov. 17 and established roles: Jen Schill is working on entertainment, passports and the school map; Aubrey Kelly is helping with desserts and passports; Syed Rizvi is working to solicit a restaurant for meals. The committee will meet at 8 a.m. on Dec. 15 and Jan. 19. A Save the Date will go out to families on Dec. 14, and the invite and meal order form will go out on Dec. 21 and again the first week of January. Paul mentioned that the committee is trying to keep meal costs at \$10 per plate, but they are having trouble finding a restaurant partner. We discussed having PTSO pay the cost above \$10 per plate. Brea motioned to approve and Andrea seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Staci was not able to attend but provided the following report. Since the last meeting, we received three checks: Morning Fresh Dairy \$150, a corporate match of \$252.95, and an individual check for \$160. We expect a check from Kona Ice for \$108.80.

Staci researched the various interest rates on our accounts as she works to increase our interest earnings. The OM account has a 5.5% interest rate, the Nature Center and checking account a 1.01% rate and savings has a 0.05% rate. She moved most of our savings account into checking to take advantage of the higher interest earnings. She will continue to investigate other ways to maximize earnings.

Staci reported that she found a promotional certificate of deposit for 13 months at 5.15% interest (approximately \$572.51 on each \$10,000). We discussed and would like to know the fee for early withdrawal. Andrea suggested we consider other potential ideas such as an endowment. Amy provided some perspective about budgeting and insight on using PTSO funds for staffing and supply needs. We discussed sending out a survey to families for feedback.

Account balances are as follows:

- Checking: \$54,580.31
- Savings: \$1,000
- Nature Center: \$1,823.56
- OM: \$893.84
- Paypal: \$141.61

Staci just mailed a \$20,000 check to Booster for its fee, but the checking account balance does not reflect this payment yet.

Secretary's Report: Ethnie did not have anything to report.

Principal's Report: Amy said we have vision and hearing screening next week and have all of the needed volunteers. McGraw has an Instagram account and Amy asked us to help spread the word about registration. The last two years have been challenging, with school choice and a growing charter school community. We currently have six neighborhood children registered, and 15 on the school of choice list. Laura mentioned that Olander has yard signs throughout their neighborhood. We discussed this idea and Paul will research the cost. Kindergarten Info Night is on December 5.

Fund Requests: We did not receive any fund requests this month.

Old Business

PTSO Bulletin Board

Andrea has all of the materials ready and will get them to Student Leadership.

New Business

There was no new business.

McGraw Community Feedback: We received a request to move our meetings to another time than the morning, or provide at least one meeting per semester in the evening. We decided to host an evening meeting in May and will discuss this again in January.

Open Floor:

Brea said Book Fair will start its work in February.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.