

**McGraw Elementary PTSO
General Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2024**

Attendance:

PTSO Board Members: Rahshida Perez, Lauren Rosazza, Staci Nouri, Ethnie Treick

PTSO Members: Brea Auer, Brittany Goll

Staff: Matt Brinkman, Reneka Hall, Laura Whale

Student Leadership: August Novotny, Elaina Starck

Minutes:

Rahshida called the meeting to order at 7:50 a.m. We reviewed the January 12, 2024 meeting minutes. Lauren motioned to approve and Brea seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Student Leadership: Students reported that they helped with International Night. They've also been helping with Lost and Found. In March, they are working on the Kindness Calendar. We discussed ways the PTSO can support Student Leadership. Corinne asked for students to help with planning for the Spring School Dance.

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

VP of Fundraising Report: Lauren did not have anything to report.

VP of Events Report: Corinne reported that International Night went well. We served 330 meals to families, staff, entertainers and presenters. The decorations will be saved for the future. Student Leadership helped a lot and the committee involvement was so wonderful. Our Indoor Movie Event, featuring Kung Fu Panda 4, is at 1 p.m. on March 24 at the Cinemark Movie Bistro. We will have two theaters, one for sensory needs. Lauren will work on an opportunity for families to gather following the movie. We are targeting April 12 for the Spring School Dance. April 25 is Muffin Morning and Teacher Appreciation week is May 6-10. We are still working on an Outdoor Movie Night. We will have Walrus and Kona Ice for the last day of Running Club. We discussed community requests for school assemblies. Corinne is doing research on assemblies, including zoo presentations, or focused on mental health and social emotional learning. Matt and Laura suggested that Pam Spiciatti, who is leading school assemblies, connect with the IB Positive Team at the beginning of the year. Staci researched a community event at Urban Air, but given the cost per participant, we decided to table it.

Treasurer's Report: Staci reported that account balances are:

- Checking: \$26,470.86
- Savings: \$1,000.61
- Nature Center: \$1,250.68
- OM: \$905.37
- Paypal: \$169.54

She still has several checks to deposit: \$2550 into checking, \$778.42 into Nature Center, and \$394 into the OM account. The line item for International Night is \$3500. We discussed selling sponsorship opportunities to McGraw family businesses next year to help with event costs.

Staci researched CD options from various banks. Independent Bank had the best option with 5.5 percent interest on a 6 month CD. The penalty for early withdrawal is one month of interest, based on the amount deposited. We will discuss specifics next month.

Staci is working with Eleanor on school supply lists for First Day School Supplies.

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

Principal's Report: Matt said that International Night was awesome and thanked the committee for their work.

Fund Requests:

Staci said that the solar eclipse glasses were more expensive than approved last month and she is still working to purchase them. The eclipse is on April 8.

We had one funds request this month, which was approved via email:

- \$606.51 for books for emerging readers for classroom libraries – Lauren motioned to approve, Ethnie seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Community Survey/Outreach

We are working to send out a community survey in the next few weeks to prioritize PTSO spending. Matt said that most families have access to computers and the internet, but that we should provide a survey option in Spanish. This will be a separate email to families and we discussed text or phone messages to families. Brittany said that she's hearing feedback about the sign being a problem for recruitment. We discussed the sign and that Amy is working with the district to see if there is facilities funding to fix it.

Teacher Appreciation Week Planning

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10. Corinne will form a committee for planning.

Robert Kaczanowski, Cub Scout Pack 116

Robert was unable to attend, but we discussed our affiliation with the Pack.

New Business

OM Fundraiser

Brittany said that she's planning for OM fundraisers including a February restaurant night at Cafe Mexicali and a donut fundraiser during Student Conferences.

Fun Run Thank Yous

Staci asked whether we had actually purchased thank you gifts for Eleanor, Matt and Amy. Staci will complete these purchases.

McGraw Community Feedback: We did not receive any feedback this month.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.