

**McGraw Elementary PTSO
General Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2023**

Attendance:

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

PTSO Members: Pam Spiciatti, Jen Schill, Brea Auer, Jenae Lopez, Mitzi Berger

Staff: Amy Smith, Paul Schkade, Laura Whale, Sara Baffoe

Student Leadership: River Montana, Sloane Groendyk, Francesca Reilly, Kestrel Hobson

Minutes:

Ethnie called the meeting to order at 7:49 a.m. We reviewed the February 3, 2023 meeting minutes. Lauren motioned to approve and Staci seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: Rahshida was unable to attend.

VP of Fundraising Report: Lauren is working on a possible fun run next year and a NoCo Nosh fundraiser before the end of school.

VP of Events Report: Corinne was unable to attend, but provided an update via email. Muffin Morning is on April 27. Corinne will reach out to Ms. Baffoe for Student Leadership help in set-up. Corinne will create a volunteer sign up and will share it at the April 7 meeting. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8-12. Corinne will create a committee for the week and will share the sign-up at the April 7 meeting. Corinne said there are a few sweatshirts and t-shirts donated and leftover from spirit wear orders in the PTSO area that Mr. Brinkman can hand out to students.

In her email, Corinne also raised several decision points. We voted to hold our Indoor Movie event on April 16 and show the Super Mario Bros movie. Additionally, we decided we'd like to try to arrange: the Angry Hippie Taco truck on May 2 for student-led conferences, the Kona Ice Coffee truck for the April 27 Muffin Morning, and the Kona Ice truck on May 10 for the last day of running club. Pam asked whether we can schedule both Kona Ice and the Walrus on that day so lines don't get too long. We also discussed providing teachers with a coffee cart for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Student Report: River reported that Student Leadership assisted with the IB Site Visit. Sloane said they talked with 2nd grade about kindness and anger management. Francesca said they talked about being peacekeepers with kindergartners. Kestrel said they will talk with 1st graders about sharing. Student Leadership will lead a fundraiser for leukemia research called "Pennies for Patients" in March and needs large collection containers. Student Leadership is also helping to highlight worldwide spring holidays on the PTSO bulletin board.

Treasurer's Report: Staci reported we received \$141.23 from AmazonSmile this quarter and account balances:

- Checking Account: \$9,758.14
- Savings Account: \$6,210.37
- Nature Center: \$2,000.00
- PayPal: \$85.26

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

Principal's Report: Amy thanked Paul for all of his work behind the scenes, and all of the parents and students who participated in the IB Site Visit. We will get an official report from IB in a few months. This visit was energizing, with very good dialogue and many connections made. Paul said the visitors noted how involved parents are in the school. Amy told us that the district needs to approve the upcoming assembly, which involves yo-yo sales. Pam will follow-up.

Fund Requests: We received three funds requests this month:

- \$327.80 for bookshelves in one of the kindergarten classrooms – We discussed using Scholastic money or checking the district exchange. Tabled for additional research.
- Bus travel for the 3rd grade field trip – line item so no approval needed
- \$2,000 golden eagle costume – tabled for more research, will discuss in April

Old Business

School Supply Kits

School supply kits are ready for purchase. We will send the link out to families in April.

30th Anniversary Book Vending Machine

Pam did some research on the book vending option. Inchy the Bookworm vending machine for \$5300-\$6300, depending on the warranty length, book size, graphics, etc. Scholastic, Barnes and Noble would support this with discount books to stock the machine. Random Acts of Reading provides a vending machine that's stocked with books for \$11,000. TCN's machine is \$2000, and is completely adjustable, but comes from China and only has a one year warranty. We discussed the vending machine option, including some feedback from the Book Fair committee and school librarian, and Amy said she would like to talk further with staff. We will discuss this at our April meeting.

Survey for International Night

Staci will follow-up with Corinne about the timing of a possible survey.

School Assembly Suggestions

Suggestions included Little Shop of Physics or animal care. Brea and Pam will follow-up.

New Business

Spring Book Fair

Brea reported that the Spring Book Fair is 25 percent off and the theme is "Camp Read-A-Lot: Read S'More for Less!"

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

Open Floor: Mitzi said the first Odyssey of the Mind tournament is March 25. McGraw will coordinate the concession stand as a fundraiser. After leaving McGraw, our students continue with OM and make up the lionshare of area middle and high school teams.

Mitzi encouraged everyone to attend Animal Afternoons from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays at various Poudre Libraries.

Jen asked about a silent auction or parents night out and offered to help. Lauren will follow-up. We discussed doing the silent auction at Back to School Night.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.