

**McGraw Elementary PTSO
General Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2021**

Attendance:

PTSO Board Members: Rahshida Perez, Staci Nouri, Ethnie Treick
PTSO Members: Mitzi Berger, Lisa Daily, Jessica Montenes, Leann Olsen, Corinne Roth, Lindy Riddell, Jennifer Jolly, Heidi Mueller
Staff: Amy Smith, Paul Schkade
Student Leadership: None

Minutes:

Rahshida called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. and thanked everyone for joining.

We reviewed the minutes from the May 3, 2021 general meeting. Staci made a motion to approve the minutes and Corinne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Rahshida did not have anything to report.

VP of Fundraising Report

Kris was unable to attend the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Staci reported the following balances:

- Checking Account: \$2,741.27
- Savings Account: \$9,451.85
- Nature Center: \$1,295.25
- PayPal: \$1,670.41

Secretary's Report

Ethnie did not have anything to report.

Principal's Report

Amy asked Paul to unveil a new infographic for parents to use when explaining to potential families what makes McGraw Elementary unique. Paul and the IB Leadership Team created the infographic, which can be found on the McGraw website under "Benefits of McGraw."

Amy reported that the new superintendent visited McGraw today and thanked Paul for his work on the new tool, saying that it helped her quickly explain our school. She said that the School Accountability Team will look at enrollment and funding for the school. We rely on school of choice to increase enrollment numbers every year.

Amy reported that we've had a great start to the school year, but that it's very complex to manage illnesses. The front office is following a process to determine how long a student needs to stay out of school, from a day to ten days. The school will not communicate COVID updates with parents unless your child is directly involved. Amy thanked everyone for remaining patient and for following the mask policy.

Fund Requests

We received three funds requests this month and after discussion, all were approved unanimously:

- \$55.98 for popcorn for the 5th grade popcorn machine;
- \$197.00 for Scholastic News for the 2nd grade; and
- \$2,145.82 for decodable readers for use in K-3rd grade literacy.

Old Business

PTSO VP of Events

Rahshida nominated Corinne Roth for VP of Events and Lindy Riddell seconded. A formal vote will take place at our September meeting but with no other nominations, Corinne will serve as VP of Events for the 2021-2022 school year.

2021-2022 Budget

We reviewed the 2021-2022 budget. Staci highlighted several changes including renaming the Box Tops line item to King Soopers income, renaming the School Directory line item to Advertising and removing Parent Appreciation Week. Staci reported that the first \$2,000 of income from the King Soopers Community Rewards program goes to the Nature Center budget.

PTSO Website Updates

Staci reviewed updates to the PTSO website. The PTSO Board is working to get the site ready to share and will update the community as soon as it is ready.

New Business

Fall Book Fair

Heidi Mueller, Book Fair Committee Chair, presented an update on the Fall Book Fair, which is currently scheduled November 1-5, 2021. The committee considered an online only option for the Fall Book Fair, but would prefer to run the Book Fair as usual but with no in-person parental involvement (beyond a few volunteer staff members) and no large events.

Heidi explained that students would bring home their wish list, parents would review and give students money to spend, and then students would shop the store during the school day. Amy expressed some concern about logistics and equity in access. We discussed the All for Books program as well as an option for the PTSO to put its credit card information on file so all children can get a book at the fair. Amy will get input from teachers and communicate a decision to Heidi by the end of the week. We will include this as an agenda item for our September meeting.

PTSO Meeting Time

Staci reported that based on the parent poll we did at Back to School Night, lunch and evening meetings were the most popular options for PTSO meetings. Many parents preferred meeting online. Following discussion, we decided to meet via Zoom on the last Tuesday of the month, except in October and May when we will meet at 6 p.m. at McGraw.

Open Floor

Jennifer asked if we have McGraw apparel for purchase and Rahshida said that we don't yet, but that we are working on it. Staci said she has a vendor we could use.

Jessica asked if there was going to be a school directory. Rahshida explained that in previous years, we found that nobody was using the directory and so we eliminated it from the budget. Instead, teachers will provide class contact lists.

The meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.