

PTO meeting minutes 3-23-22

Attendees- Katie Niemiec, Salvatore Urso, Tim Chiaverini, Karen Despres, Jen Jurgen, Tracy Sisti, Kelly Smith,

Meeting called to order 6:37

Reports:

School Wide Events and Thank You

Karen Despres – Short day for students to replace conferences that were cancelled due to snow on 3/31/22. McGee Musical Dear Edwina Jr. will be in the auditorium 4/1-4/2.

End of year fun discussed, field day type activities, potential bingo

Salvatore Urso Principal- Parent/Teacher conferences held on 3/10. Snacks provided by PTO were very generous and appreciated.

Talent Show on 2/24/22- Thank you Tricia Burnham and Danielle McCorkel

Counselors have been in the classrooms to deliver (SOS) signs of suicide to support in the understanding of the correlation between feelings of depression and how to get help. The majority of the students have identified a trusted adult with whom to seek out if feeling overwhelmed.

Tim Chiaverini- Trimester 2 report cards received today (3/23). Cafeteria revision plans underway as COVID mitigation procedures are rolled back.

SBA and NGSS testing will resume this spring.

Requests for funding-

- Field day will be Friday June 10 with rain date Monday June 13- Asking \$1700 from PTO for t-shirts and ice-cream treat. Will then ask students a nominal fee potential to cover some as well.
- Virtual Bingo will be held in the auditorium this spring with music and prizes. Each team would be invited to play for 1 period during the day. There are gift cards remaining from the funding by PTO for the trivia a few months ago that will be used. \$50 for bingo cards needed
- Mobile lights would like to be purchased for fun activities on the culture calendar. Perhaps bingo in the dark as a game option, in the courtyard for the evening or for school wide dances etc.

Discussion by the PTO members present regarding these asks. Budget allows for \$2100 remaining for fund your classroom and \$2500 for courtyard for the year. Katie made a motion to allow \$1700 from fund your classroom for t-shirt, ice-cream, bingo and \$1000 from courtyard for

the lighting. Jen seconded this motion, and the request was approved. Treasurer Joe Miller was notified of the approvals for processing.

Fundraising- Jen and Kelly discussed where we are with fundraisers and ongoing Munson's and butter braids. We are currently on target to potentially raise \$10,000 for the school year. Current budget is \$14,800 and that may need to be reduced for the next operating year with consideration of decreased fundraising. We may move to more individual fundraising efforts I needed like how drama club raised money this year. Stop and shop program ending significantly impacted incoming money for this year.

On a positive note- raffle night at Coles Road is coming along. Would like more raffle prizes potentially. Jen to send out 1 more request to try to get additional. We will need a permit for the raffle which Joe will work with Imelda on. Discussed raffle ticket prices and presented options. This will be a fun event!

Teacher Appreciation- Budget is \$1000. Discussed options of stock the fridges alone or in addition to stocking fridges being able to do an additional small event. Decision was made to allow \$500 for stock the fridges that Allison Alquist will run and Karen Despres and Tracy will work on the additional \$500 for potential coffee/hot cocoa/tea bar.

Coming Events

April Break- 4/11-15

Coles Road Raffle night- April 27th

Grade 8 Promotion Ceremony is planned to be held on McGee Campus during the final day of School - currently into 3rd week of June

Photography fundraiser May 28th 9:30-4 (site TBD), Sheel Patel will be photographer, Upbeat can assist day of. Will make a flyer and market as father's day shoot, end of school year shoot, family portrait shoot, clubs, sports shoot etc.

15 minutes

- can be solo or with family members
- 6 digital images to download for free in high resolution, gallery access for up to 2 months after delivery
- Additional images \$10 each
- total cost \$60 (split 50/50)
- White background or potentially outside depending on weather
- Images ready by 6/10 on drop box
- Sign up genius will come out early May, pre-payment will be needed

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Feel free to reach out with your ideas and thoughts on how we can make this school year a success or if you would like to help out at any of our events! **Email: President@Mcgepto.com or message us on facebook.**

Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm

Next meeting on zoom April 20th. Hope to see you there 😊