



McLANE ELEMENTARY
PTSO

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 9/12/16

TIME: 6PM

LOCATION: CAFETERIA

CHAIR	President Wendy Harris
SECRETARY	Becka Mondau

Agenda topics

TIME: 6:00	PRINCIPAL REPORT	MONICA
OUTCOME	Monica West shared about the staff changes at McLane for the 2016-2017 school year. She also shared about a program the staff has implemented called Professional Learning Community in which teacher collaborate for improved methods. McLane's test scores improved dramatically to show this program is helping the school. New this school year within the Bridges curriculum is the WIN (What I Need) program which helps tailor curriculum to each student and their specific needs. Curriculum Night will be held Septmber 22 nd from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Finally, Monica has met with staff from the YMCA to help improve communications from last year.	
TIME 6:10	JUNE MINUTES	WENDY
OUTCOME	June Minutes were approved and passed by the board. One revision was requested to change Lara Anderson as being absent from the meeting.	
TIME 6:15	TREASURER REPORT	SARAH
OUTCOME	The Budget was reviewed and had previously been approved in June 2016. A motion was made by Leslie Smith for approval to add \$500 to the budget for the Owl Store. Becka Mondau was the 2 nd , and the motion passed. There was some discussion about the need to keep a larger amount of money in savings and checking in case of an emergency.	
TIME 6:20	WEBSITE UPDATE	LESLIE
OUTCOME	Discussion about the importance of keeping the website up to date. Leslie Smith has volunteered to keep the website current and to perhaps change the design of the website in the future. She will continue to make updates to the website as new information comes up at PTSO meetings.	
TIME 6:25	BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT REVEIW	WENDY
OUTCOME	Back to School Night and BBQ went well, but had lots of food leftover. Wendy was able to return the buns and took leftover food to the McLane Fire Station. Mrs. Caranci brought up the idea of moving the BBQ to Curriculum Night next year.	
TIME 6:30	READ-A-THON (SARAH)	
OUTCOME	The theme for the Read-a-Thon is "Camp Out with a Good Book." Letters went out over the summer to businesses asking for donations for prizes. Sarah reviewed the schedule for the Read-a-Thon. There was discussion about moving the Family Fun Night because of the school day being a half day, but the decision was made to leave the event on October 28 th . The packet of information is ready to go to home to students and Sarah is continuing to ask for help to assemble prize packages, etc.	

TIME 6:40		MOVIE NIGHT		WENDY
OUTCOME	Wendy shared Movie Night is an event that usually happens 2 times a year, but there is currently no chair for this event and encouraged parents to think about chairing this event. The BFG comes out November 1 st and would be a good choice for the first Movie Night for either November 4 or November 18 th if we have a point person. During the open discussion at the end of the meeting, Katie Breland volunteered to be the chair for this event.			
TIME 6:45		THEATER		WENDY
OUTCOME	Audrey & Wendy are the chairs for Theater. Typically, McLane has used Tacoma Musical Playhouse for the theater program, but they will not be an option this school year. Discussion about using a local company, and what grades the theater program will be available for. There will be further discussion at a later meeting when Wendy and Audrey have more information from local companies.			
TIME 6:50		CISPUS WREATHS		WENDY
OUTCOME	The 5 th graders usually sell Christmas wreaths to help fundraise for Cispus in the spring. Discussion about needing a 5 th grade parent to take this on.			
TIME 6:55		OWL STORE/THE ELF SHELF		LAURIE
OUTCOME	Laurie shared about revamping the Owl Store. She is taking less donations and using some PTSO Budget money to order items. She is hoping to have items all kids can enjoy, especially on the front end so students can get better items for less owl feathers. The Owl Store will begin October 21 st . Laurie brought up the idea of The Elf Shelf or The Holiday Store. It would be a store set up in the cafeteria or library for kids to shop at during the holiday season for their families, friends, etc. The company Laurie has found needs to know by November 12 th . She will gather more information so this can be voted on at the next meeting. Discussion about the Olympia School District making sure kids that are low income or even homeless have same opportunities as other kids and how that translates to this event.			
TIME 7:05		OPEN DISCUSSION		
OUTCOME	Mrs. Caranci brought up fundraising magazine, Nature's Vision which benefits the school and charities such as The Humane Society. Discussion about whether this could be used as a fundraiser around Earth Day. Becka handed out the PTSO Events Calendar and made 2 revisions. More updates are needed, so she will update and give out the revised calendar at the next meeting. Candi Koch brought up fundraising for McLane in partnership with local restaurants. Wendy Vance brought up Amazon Smile and the possibility of fundraising through buying school supplies through Amazon. Mrs. Caranci brought up concerns about the Auction event from last year and would be interested in having it held at the school with kids welcome to make it more accessible to the community.			
TIME 7:15		MEETING ADJOURNED		WENDY
OUTCOME	Meeting Adjourned at 7:15			

NEXT MEETING: October 3, 2016 in cafeteria