

McIntyre Elementary PTSO Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m. Stephanie Francis, Co-President and Jodi Golis, Co-President, presided over the meeting. PTSO Board of Officers present at the meeting were, April Witkowski, Vice President, Heidi Scarcella, Vice President, and Michelle Hollenberger, Secretary.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Spingola shared that all the safety drills were done throughout September. The students did an amazing job and were so well prepared by teachers.

Mrs. Spingola shared that the students participated in Start with Hello week in September. They did different activities to embrace inclusiveness.

Mrs. Spingola reported that Kindergarten and Grade 1 celebrated Johnny Appleseed Day with some apple themed activities.

Mrs. Spingola shared that some grades will be doing some Fall Fest activities in the coming weeks.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT / COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Review

Stephanie Francis shared that the McIntyre t-shirts have been distributed to all kindergarten and new students.

Stephanie Francis reported that the shade structure has been installed and has gotten use during these hot fall days.

Stephanie Francis shared that the walk-a-thon was a huge success! The weather was beautiful and the students had a lot of fun. A reminder that all money is due October 11.

Jodi Golis shared that the KidStuff fundraiser is wrapping up. There are only a few books that are still out.

Jodi Golis reported that the classroom party volunteers have been chosen and will be notified by teachers if you have been selected.

Stephanie Francis shared that for Custodian Appreciation Day the PTSO provided them with lunch/dinner. The custodians were very appreciative of this!

Jodi Golis shared that materials workshop was very productive. The teachers really appreciate all the help from the volunteers.

Jodi Golis reported that picture day went well. Lifetouch brought 4 cameras, so they were able to get through all the students in a reasonable time.

Jodi Golis made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting and April Witkowski seconded that motion.

Rewards Programs

Heidi Scarcella shared that the following spirit nights have been scheduled:

Blaze Pizza – October 14th 11am-7pm

5 Below – October 26th - November 2nd

Fun Slides Skate Park – November 5th 10am-5pm

Jason's Deli – November 29th and 30th 10am-10pm

5 Below – December 7th – December 14th

Panda Express – December 16th 10am-11pm

Stephanie Francis would also like to remind everyone of the ongoing rewards programs that McIntyre receives money back on. These include registering your Giant Eagle and Shop and Save cards, using Amazon Smile when shopping on Amazon, collecting Box Tops and using the Box Top App, saving Chick-Fil-A receipts, (McKnight road location only) and using the Shoparoo App.

Executive Board Info

Jodi Golis shared that the 2019-2020 academic calendar was approved. The first day of school will be August 25, 2020 and the last day will be June 3, 2021.

Jodi Golis shared that they are working on the schedule for the 6th graders next year and deciding whether it will be best for them to rotate between 2 teachers like they currently do or 4. Jodi also mentioned that the elementary libraries will be sending some of the higher leveled books to the middle school. Jodi shared with the board that McIntyre PTSO would be able to donate scholastic dollars to purchase books for the middle school.

Jodi reported that the kindergarten readiness evaluations are being addressed and they are making plans on how to better the process from last year.

5th And 6TH Grade Committee Update

Jodi Golis reported that all the 5th and 6th graders have tried on sweatshirts and they will be ordered soon. Jodi also shared that both grades are planning fundraisers and spirit nights in the coming future.

Fundraisers

April Witkowski reported that the Sarris candy sale will run from November 1st – 15th. Candy pickup will be December 12th from 3:45 to 6:00pm in the school gym.

CURRENT PROGRAMS / OCTOBER EVENTS

Stephanie Francis reported that cheer started last week, there are a few weeks left of the chess club and there are also a few sessions of volleyball left. There will be more sessions of volleyball starting in a few weeks.

Jodi Golis shared the Membership Toolkit will be replacing My School Anywhere as the directory this year. You will be receiving an email to access your account and update any information.

Kara James reported that she will be collecting Halloween candy for Operation Gratitude and delivering it to 2 local dentist offices. The dentist offices then take care of shipping the candy overseas to the troops. The deadline to bring candy to school is November 6.

Stephanie Francis reported that the Halloween parade and parties will be on October 31. Everyone is invited to watch the parade outside, weather permitting. Following the parade, party committee volunteers will go to the classrooms for the parties.

Stephanie Francis gave information from Mrs. Farrell regarding Red Ribbon week. It will take place October 21- October 25. On Wednesday the students are invited to wear orange or their favorite Halloween shirt, Thursday wear your favorite team shirt and Friday wear red for Spirit day.

Mrs. Farrell also asked that we share information on a parent program led by the Attorney General. The topic of discussion will be Privacy, Digital Responsibility, Internet Safety and Cyberbullying. This will be held in McIntyre's library on October 28, from 6:30- 7:30.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Stephanie Francis reported that the PTSO balance was \$28,045.17 as of September 30, 2019. In September we saw income from the KidStuff books. Main expenses in September were the McIntyre t-shirts and PTSO administration.

UPCOMING DATES

October 31st – Halloween Parade and Parties

December – Winter Party

February 6, 2020 – Celebration of Learning & Scholastic Book Fair

February 21, 2020 – Book BINGO

March 5, 2020 – Junior Achievement Day Training

March 12, 2020 – Junior Achievement Day

The next PTSO meeting will be November 12, at 6:30 pm in the library.

Denny Danhires made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 seconded by April Witkowski.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michelle Hollenberger.