# McIntyre Elementary School PTSO Meeting 

November 9, 2022<br>Meeting Minutes

The November 9th, 2022 McIntyre PTSO meeting was called to order by PTSO President, Stephanie Francis. Other Board members in attendance were Vice-Presidents, Kara James and April Witkowski.

Dr. Spingola gave the principal's report. She reported the Walk-a-thon assembly was fun for everyone and that the Basketball Jim Jones assembly was phenomenal. Dr. Spingola reported a new School-wide Positive Behavior system has been put into place. There are five areas of expectations with different color tickets. In the first week, students received 80 tickets and the second week, students earned 312 tickets for demonstrating positive behavior. Each week, six students' tickets will be drawn for small prizes. The new Halloween parade route was successful and the parade was well-attended. Tweeks will be made for dismissal after parties to alleviate the congestion of parents taking their children. Dr. Spingola reported that there was a great turn-out for conferences and that continuing the Zoom option was helpful for parents. Because construction work has begun on the new softball field, adjustments have been made to the recess schedule. Adult ESL (English as a Second Language) classes have been well attended and will continue. The Student Council will host a food drive in a few weeks and spirit days to benefit the Make-a-Wish foundation December 19-22nd.

A motion to approve the minutes of October's meeting was made by April Witkowski and it was seconded by Kara James.

Stephanie Francis gave an overview of October's activities.
Students enjoyed the Basketball Jim Jones assembly. The cost of this assembly was split between the PTSO and the District. The Walk-a-thon assembly was a lot of fun. Teachers can now contact the Walk-a-thon committee to schedule their party at any time. Materials Workshop has been a success and helpful to the teachers. Parents have helped laminate and cut items for teachers and it has expanded to helping Mrs. Kress reshelve books in the library. Emily Miller spoke about the spiritwear sale. There was an issue with the logo that was corrected in the beginning. Emily will deliver the items to the school to eliminate the secretaries from needing to sort anything. Stephanie Francis reported the Little Library has been used quite often. Halloween parties were fun for everyone. It was the first, in-person party since February 2020. After-school programs such as chess club, Baker’s Dozen Academy, spanish club, volleyball clinics and cheer continue to be well attended. Kara James reported many parents and students donated Halloween candy. The program we have donated the candy to in the past, Operation Gratitude, is not sending candy to the troops this year. Instead, we have partnered with Soldiers Angels, Treats for Troops. A portion of the candy will be sent through that organization and another portion will be sent to family members of McIntyre students who are currently deployed.

The October Financials can be found at the end of this document. Stephanie Francis reported the Walk-a-thon deposit was the largest fundraiser. We also received some checks from last year's fundraisers including Pan Asia Eatery and Silver Graphics fundraiser.

Stephanie Francis reported the 5th grade hoodies have been ordered. Dr. Spingola will have the 5th grade teachers take photos of students in their hoodies to be used for the 5th grade celebration at the end of the year. The 5th grade will have a Zroni Roll sale in January and their largest fundraiser is the Celebration of Learning basket raffle, bake sale, and cafe.

Stephanie Francis reported current fundraisers going on now are the Pittsburgh Penguins tickets and Sarris Candies. April Witkowski reported fliers will go home with parents this week. Order can be placed online and must be ordered by December 15th.

## Volunteers are still needed to chair the following positions:

- After-school Program Chairperson
- Family Fun Night Chairperson
- Flower Sales Co-Chairperson
- Silver Graphics Chairperson

Stephanie Francis reported winter classroom party volunteers have been notified. Clearances were checked and any parent whose clearances were not on file have been notified. New recess supplies were purchased by the PTSO. Items included basketballs, footballs, hula hoops, bubbles, and gaga/playground balls. A large bag to contain the items was also purchased. The second session for the chess club will begin next week. The North Hills Elementary Ice Skating party will be held on December 29th from 8-11 a.m. Each elementary school parent group splits the cost of this event. Entrance is free and parents can rent skates if needed. Planning for February's Book BINGO will begin soon. Information collection for this year's Gift Crowd has begun. Each year, the PTSO tries to include every adult within McIntyre. There was a discussion about indoor recess materials. Dr. Spingola will take a poll from the teachers to see if there is a need for indoor recess materials. The student council food drive was also discussed. The winning class will have a popcorn party and the winning grade will receive extra recess time.

Kara James reported on the following upcoming spirit nights and reward programs:

- Moe's Taco Kits: Order through Nov. 14th; Pick-up Nov. 16th 4:30-5:00 p.m.
- Tiny Bookstore:All year 5\% donation benefitting 5th grade;15\% November 19 \& 20
- 5 Below Spirit Week: December 2-9th
- Dave \& Busters Spirit Night: December 22nd 5-8 p.m.
- Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Night: January 13th 3:00-9:00 p.m.

Passive Fundraising (Coke Rewards, Chick-fil-a, Shop-n-Save, Amazon Smile, Box Tops)
Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
A motion by April Witkowski to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kara James.
**Treasurer's Report:


Balance as of October 31, 2022: \$57,977.09. Invoices for last year's field trips bussing were just received. Those expenses will be reflected in January's report.

