

MINUTES

McKenzie Elementary School PAC Meeting

Date | time 12/9/2018 6:31 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Debbie

In Attendance

Debbie Kostyk (chair), Jodie Longstaff, Lindsay Kennett, Matt Christie, Joanna Snow, Melanie Nielsen, Alison Sheehan, Michelle Cunningham, Meghann Aliott, Tim Bendall, Debbie Bowden, Shelley Pugh, Lana Hansen, Tracey Len, Sunny Jun, Lisa May, Sue Webb, Lauren Williams & Kristin Kristiansen, Kristine Kusnyerik (recorder)

President's Report – Debbie Kostyk

Welcomed everyone and expressed her enthusiasm for the year ahead. With lots of parent assistance it should be a good year.

New Business – Debbie Kostyk

Welcome Back BBQ

To take place Sept 20th:

5:15pm meet the teachers in the gym. Some will have their classroom open for 15min.

5:45-7 bbq mix and mingle.

PAC members Kristine K and Michelle C will have chrome books out to assist with Hot Lunch Sign up.

Optimist club (non-profit organization) will grill. Ms. Snow and Ms. Sunny will assist with set up. PAC will provide the food to grill and condiments. Compostable cups will be purchased for sale for those without a water bottle.

The PAC and the kids (arranged by Ms. Sunny) will create a card for the optimums club.

Tracy L will pull out activities (chalk, bubbles) and set up outdoors.

Ms. Snow will arrange for the leadership club to make posters for the event.

Teachers will not need to pay for their meals.

PAC will create a signup sheet for parents to place their interest in being a grade rep.

Grade rep nomination/elections

A signup sheet will be present at the welcome back BBQ for those parents interested in this role. Ms. Snow will speak to the teachers to determine what assistance they could use from a class rep. This information can be discussed at a future meeting.

Fruit and Veggie Program

Debbie B has recently completed her food safe program and administers this popular program which sees students enjoying various fruits and veggies every 4-6 weeks.

Popcorn Day – October 10th

This popular event allowing students to purchase a bag of popcorn for \$0.50 is back thanks to Karri-Ann's coordination.

Santa Shoppe/Wrapping

Lauren W will advertise for committee members in an upcoming school memo. Committee members are needed to wrap, shop and run this fun event that sees students shopping for affordable gifts in the school library for their loved ones in early December. Once interested committee members input on wrapping schedules is received a Sign up Genius will be circulated. Lauren will meet with Debbie B to obtain her notes on the organization of this event and will provide Michelle C with a committee "job description" for this event.

Hotlunches.net system

The hot lunch system is up and running. There will be 8 hot lunch days this school year. Subway, Boston Pizza, Dragon Roll Sushi and Calling All Cows are the food vendors for this school year. Parents will need to reregister per the site using the access code MEHL. Kristine will also provide Michelle C with a committee "job description" for this event.

Activity/Mindfulness Line painting

Ms. Snow continues to follow up on this requested work that will see an outdoor painted circuit of indigenous spirit animals for kids to explore. She will investigate if parent volunteers could be an option to complete this work sooner.

Branded water bottles – Debbie K presented some affordable options from Sidelines. After some discussion she will investigate a biodegradable option.

PAC bulletin board

A special thank you to Lauren W for putting together such an engaging/flexible board.

Tree Planting/New Playground or Outdoor Learning Space

Lisa will work with Joanna and SD maintenance staff to determine if trees can be planted/ gravel spread around the school grounds. She will kindly volunteer her landscape design services.

At a future meeting a budget will be set for a future play structure for the older students or an outdoor learning space.

Teachers Report – Matt Christie

The teachers are excited for the school year. He is working as a sexual identify rep (sexual orientation gender identity SOGI rep) and will be reaching out to parents and may require assistance from the PAC to spread the word that he is at the school in this supportive roll with the goal of making everyone feel more welcome and safe. SD 61s curriculum teaches about diversity in the work and in families. McKenzie celebrates Rainbow week where all family compositions are celebrated. It was discussed that sexual education is taught at the grade 4 and 5 level; parents will have the option to opt their child out.

Admin Report Principal/Vice Principal -Joanna Snow

McKenzie 2018/2019 composition:

- 214 students anticipated to be registered as of Sept 14th.
- 25% of students have are English Language Learners
- 10% of students have designations and this may increase to 15%; administration is heavily advocating for an additional teachers assistant.
- 4% students are of indigenous heritage

Class composition:

- Kindergarten classes are at 16-17 kids per class
- K/1 split is 17 kids

-Average class size is 19

Sept 17th Pro D Day:

The morning will focus on setting school goals via a collaborative decision making process. The goals will be reported to the deputy superintendant on September 26th. The "School Wide Write" will also be reviewed and refined for the upcoming school year. The afternoon will see teachers meeting in their grade groupings to define lessons they can administer together.

Rain or shine, barring a torrential downpour or unsafe weather kids will be sent outdoors to play this school year. Kids should be sent with appropriate outdoor clothes and have indoor shoes.

Bring forward to next meeting:

Discussed the possibility of beginner acrobatics workshops (40 kids per workshop) being taught at the school or as a fun assembly presentation. Cost \$200 for 2 hrs.

Treasurer Report/Kristen K...

There was no official report however it was discussed that the PAC would once again fund \$140 per classroom with a possibility of a an increase in this funding once the budget is approved and Joanna reports on the teachers plans for this funding. The PAC bank balances were reviewed.

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Next Meeting: October 10, 2018 at 6:30pm