

## McKenzie Elementary PAC Meeting

December 11, 2024

Meeting Called to Order at 6:34pm

*Attendance in-person:* Tracy Len, Wendy Anderson, Angela Karangwa (chair), Melanie Nielsen (recorder), Julia Taylor

*Online:* Colleen Leithwood, Allison Schein

*Admin reps:* Carmen Gauvreau

1. Admin update
  - a. Budget survey link shared - please participate if you are interested, can ask questions if you want as well
  - b. Greek Fest Society provided lunch to McKenzie earlier this month,
    - may expand to other schools as well
    - also donated \$1500 to the school
      - Possibility of having another cultural/food experience for students
    - If you attend Greek Fest at the end of summer, please say thank you!
  - c. Breakfast2Music grant for the school \$2,000
    - Some for instruments to allow all students to access the music program
    - Some for external music therapist
  - d. Will be creating hampers for 16-17 families this year, McKenzie community has been very generous
    - Parent volunteers are requested for Friday after school
    - PAC donating Country Grocer gift cards
  - e. FSAs for Grade 4s being picked up Friday, results will go home before the holidays
  - f. Learning updates went live this afternoon
    - Carmen monitoring to make sure everyone can access their report (will only print on request)
  - g. Literacy goal under development
    - Literacy specialist from SD will be supporting classes for 4-5 weeks
    - Working with Grade 4/5s on their writing
  - h. Student-led conferences early February
  - i. Grade 6 transition letters out in January, Feb. 10-14 is transfer week
  - j. Kindergarten registration in January
  - k. School photos - request for feedback on quality, price points, etc.
    - Initial feedback that quality was better, but some concerns with customer service, logistics
    - PAC family photos fundraiser raised over \$800
    - Lifetouch has also submitted a price sheet for consideration
    - Will request feedback on Slack channel for this year
  - l. Childcare playground going up this week, timeline to be shared to Carmen soon
    - Childcare will be open to the public (preschool, daycare, potentially OSC)

- McKenzie families get priority
  - m. Carmen will check on getting hog fuel on some of the muddy areas in the field
- 2. Treasurer's Update (Wendy)
  - Wendy transitioning into role
- 3. Concert bake sale
  - Note on poster as to where funds go
  - Angela will bring square, floats are ready to go
  - 50/50 - Nimra will run
- 4. Events
  - a. Tree Chipping, January 4-5, 10am-2pm
    - All set up with Bartlett
    - Tracy will arrange advertising and sign-up genius
    - Bucket and signage stored at school, will have to be accessed by Dec. 20
  - b. Board Game Night, January 10
    - Snacks and drinks, Melanie to purchase
    - Volunteers needed to accept donations and sell snacks at the door
  - c. Spring Fling Dance, March 7
- 5. Parent Education (Wendy)
  - Will bring back more info to February meeting
  - Two-part series on screens/boundaries (Shannon Husk), working in partnership with other schools
  - Wendy will post her website on Slack so that we can take a look and see if we need it tailored at all
  - Google Form for registration that can include topics to be addressed in the presentation
  - Hybrid option, in library with online option
  - Wendy to confirm a date at the end of January (23 or 30)
  - Difficult Conversations with Allison Rees - Strawberry Vale has offered to host
  - Parent resources list is active and links being included in newsletters

PAC meeting in January cancelled

Next meeting February 12, 2025, in person (with online option)

Babysitting to be offered

Adjourned 7:32pm