

McDole Elementary School PTO – Minutes

Action Items in *Red*

Date: February 13, 2024

Called to Order: 7:11 pm

Attendees: Laura Chen, Qiana Nelson, Colleen Wehrmann and Brian Zervas, Principal, Keith Tankersley, Vice Principa (Zoom/FB Live- This meeting was recorded and posted after the meeting due to technical difficulties)

Welcome and Introductions:

PTO Board (2023-2024):

- Laura Chen - President
- Qiana Nelson – 2023-24 Vice President
- Jennifer Crocker – Treasurer (ABSENT)
- Colleen Wehrmann – Secretary

The 2024-25 Board will need a new Vice President and Secretary. Please email if interested or for more information: info@mcdolepto.com

Treasurer's Report:

- Board Approved the Treasury update

Secretary's Report:

- Board Approved Meeting Minutes from November meeting (available online and on McDole FB Page)

Committee Reports:

- Committee reports
 - Fun lunch – 2nd semester Fun Lunch order was completed in January. We would like to give a huge shout out to Ashley Villanueva for all the work she does behind the scenes for Fun Lunch. She coordinates with the restaurants, creates the menu and order forms, and organizes each individual lunch. It's a significant amount of work and we greatly appreciate her!
 - Staff love/heart project – thanks to all who participated and thank Mrs. Bartholomew who encouraged the kids
 - Classroom parties
 - February 14th at 2:45pm - Valentine's Day classroom parties
 - Multicultural night – Friday, January 26, big success, pictures on facebook and our website
 - UNO Game Night – Friday, Feb 23 – Get your tickets online \$10 each at the door the price is \$15 each there. We do need parent volunteers for this event to help manage the tournament tables. There will be snacks, board games and open gym also available from 6-8pm. Uno registration will be at 6:15 with tournament starting at 6:30 sharp
 - Open house on Thursday, March 14 – Spring raffle basket fundraiser – parents can start contributing items and purchasing tickets end of February
 - Spring dance (All Students) – Saturday, April 13 – More information will be coming soon

Staff Requests

- Fund requests
 - 5th grade
 - Board approved (\$1200) for items to help support critical thinking, SEL lessons and creative learning. The items will enable students to STEM build which will tap into their individual creativity

- MTSS
 - Board approved (\$350) to provide “things” ie snacks, stress ball, etc. that might help for the upcoming IAR testing for the 3rd-5th grade (201 students) in March to support the students during this stressful week

Update from Mr. Zervas

- Kindergarten registration was a huge success on February 10th – there were 50 new kindergarten registrations for the class of 2037. There is still time to register. If you were not able to register on February 10th please reach out to the McDole office.
- Security has been increased around the school to protect our kids. This is due to increased speeding and lack of awareness. Please be aware of your surroundings and slow down. Mr. Zervas has meet with the Montgomery Police Department and the Montgomery Village Public Works Department to look at how to improve flow in the area. Also please respect our crossing guards. They are there to protect our children.
- Pop tops collection for Mrs. Giese whose son who has a rare form of leukemia has collected 155lbs of pop tops. The overpouring of support from our families and the community has helped us to exceed our goal tremendously
- Looking forward to the warmer weather to come so we can get the kids outside more

Extra Recess

- N/A for this meeting

Reminders:

Next Meeting: March 12th at 7:00 PM