

# McDole Elementary School PTO – Minutes

Action Items in *Red*

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Date: **September 19, 2023**

Called to Order: **7:00 pm**

**Attendees:** Laura Chen (President), Quiana Nelson (Vice President), Jen Crocker (Treasurer), Jorge Nino (Assistant Treasurer) Colleen Wehrmann (Secretary), Brian Zerfas (Zoom/FB Live)

## Welcome and Introductions:

### 2023-2024 PTO Board:

- Laura Chen – Vice President
- Quiana Nelson – 2023-24 Vice President
- Jennifer Crocker – Treasurer
- Jorge Nino – 2023-2024 Assistant Treasurer
- Colleen Wehrmann – Secretary

## Treasurer's Report:

- 2023-2024 Donation Summary
  - Two new teachers to receive \$200 each for their classroom
  - Exploratories \$250
- 2023-2024 Budget
  - \$110-\$200 for Trunk-or-Treat and prizes

## Secretary's Report:

- Meeting Minutes available online and on McDole FB Page

## Committee Reports:

- **Family Dining Nights-Amy Lawler**
- **Spirit wear-Ellie Fuchs (deadline to order is 10/31/23)**
- **Fun Lunch-Asley Villanueva**
- **Fall PTO Fundraiser-Jen Crocker**
  - September 29<sup>th</sup> (each grade will run at a different time) Will not reschedule for rain will do the run in the gym
  - Message or email [info@mcdolepto.com](mailto:info@mcdolepto.com) to find out your child(ren) donation total
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Goals met as of 9/19/23
  - \$295.00 to reach 3<sup>rd</sup> goal
  - \$5,600 – staff volunteers will do jelly bean taste tests
  - \$7,000 – teacher volunteers to be silly stringed
    - Super Hero Fun Run
    - Need volunteers to set up, wear superhero costumes, Montgomery police hopefully will come out
    - Message on FB or email to [info@mcdolepto.com](mailto:info@mcdolepto.com) to find out your child(ren) total of donations
- **Spirit Week-Oct 2-6**
  - Spirit Week calendar will be posted on FB
- **Pumpkin Decorating Contest-Kalie Douglass**
  - Thank you to Ms. Bartholomew for letting us use the library to display the pumpkins
  - Bring in your story themed pumpkin thru October 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Student voting will be the week of October 16-20<sup>th</sup>
- **Trunk or Treat-Kim Cheatham**
  - October 21, 4-6pm at McDole
  - Volunteers needed to decorate cars/distribute candy
  - Donations for the Candy Monster
  - Possible food trucks for the event

- **Room Coordinators – Becky Gilson**
  - All classrooms have room coordinators, thank you to everyone that signed up
  - A sign-up for volunteering for classroom parties will be coming out within a few days
- **Yearbooks-Julie Gritzner**
  - October 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for 10% discount, April 1<sup>st</sup> final deadline for ordering and making custom pages
- **New Business**
  - Dorcey Bartholomew, Library-Student Writing Display Tower (on wheels) - \$718.74, \$886.72 with shipping
    - PTO Approved Ms. Bartholomew’s request for \$900
  - Ignite Academy PTO-\$550 to help them apply for 501c3 status
    - PTO approved Laura Ekstrom’s request for starter funds for Ignite Academy

**Principal Report:**

- **Merch Mart and Student Reward System McDole Moolah**
  - As part of our school-wide positive reward program, students can earn Moolah for exhibiting our bi-weekly character traits, meeting classroom expectations, and exciting hard work throughout the day in class.
  - Students visit the Merch Mart to redeem their Moolah for prizes and experiences (We have 30 teacher lead experiences and prizes available to redeem with McDole Moolah)
  - We do need parent volunteers to distribute experiences/prizes. Parents can sign-up to volunteer. Watch for posts on the school FB page and the PTO page
  - We are always looking to add new items to our Merch Mart! If you would like to donate items to be sold, please visit the Amazon Wishlist below! Items will be shipped directly to McDole. [McDole Merch Mart Amazon Wishlist](#)
- **Montgomery PD Collaboration**
  - McDole has a great relationship with the Montgomery Police Department. This year Officers will be coming to the school to read to the children *I’m not Scared...I’m Prepared!*

**Extra Recess – Ms. Becker**

**Reminders: N/A**

**Next Meeting: October 17, 2023**