

McDole Elementary School PTO – Minutes

Action Items in *Red*

Date: **October 17, 2023**

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

Attendees: Laura Chen (President), Quiana Nelson (Vice President), Jen Crocker (Treasurer), Colleen Wehrmann (Secretary), Brian Zervas (Zoom/FB Live)

Welcome and Introductions:

2023-2024 PTO Board:

- Laura Chen – President
- Quiana Nelson – Vice President
- Jennifer Crocker – Treasurer
- Colleen Wehrmann – Secretary
 - Board member Jorge Nino has stepped down from the PTO Board for the 23-24 school year
 - Two open positions for 2024-25, Treasurer and Secretary for more information email info@mcdolepto.org
 - The PTO meetings are open to parents and administration regarding PTO events and PTO fund allocations
 - School administration questions please direct those questions to Mr. Zervas, Principal

Treasurer's Report:

- August/September (two months of expenses last month just included the budget for 2023-24)
 - Expenses included Fun Lunch, Fun Run Fundraiser, School Supply Drop off, Website & Domain annual fees

Secretary's Report:

- Meeting Minutes available online at mcdolepto.org and on McDole FB Page

McDole FB Page Post:

(Presentation by Mr. Zervas)

- Post was in regard to particular student's experience and due to that post we have invited Mr. Zervas to discuss Social and Emotional Learning at McDole
 - With everything in education, SEL and behaviors and diversity inclusion are hot buttons. There are a lot of things we do as a building to not only be reactionary but especially be preventative
 - Behaviors are going to happen, it is how we react and we are preventative and we have things in place
 - Our role in an elementary school is to handle each case on a case by case basis
 - SEL is massively broad. As a building we try to be preventative in the ways we approach behaviors
 - See Attached Slides from Mr. Zervas' presentation
 - Please reach out to Mr. Zervas if you have questions by phone or if you would like to schedule an in-person meeting to discuss further

Committee Reports:

- **Family Dining Nights-Amy Lawler**
 - Foxy's – the amount that the school will receive is TBD at this time
- **Spirit wear-Ellie Fuchs**
 - Deadline to order is 10/31/23
- **Fun Lunch-Ashley Villanueva**
 - Next Fun Lunch is 10/20/23
 - All students will receive a special treat regardless if they ordered lunch or not
- **Fall PTO Fun Run Fundraiser-Jen Crocker**
 - The fun run was a success for students
 - Raised \$9,717.00
 - Thank you to all the volunteers everyone exceeded all expectations
- **Spirit Week-Oct 2-6**
 - Kids had fun
- **Pumpkin Decorating Contest-Kalie Douglass**
 - There have been some great entries for this years Pumpkin Decorating Contest
 - Voting will end on October 20, 2023 (winners will be announced after voting)
 - Thank you to Mrs. Bartholomew for letting us showcase the pumpkins in the library

- **Trunk or Treat-Kim Cheatham**
 - October 21, 4-6pm at McDole
 - So far there are 18 cars signed up to participate
 - Montgomery Police Department will be there
 - Sugar Grove Library will attend
 - Local Businesses will be there
 - Coloring/Tattoo table will be available
 - Sign up through Friday, October 20th for trunks
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4FACA92EA3FE3-mcdole>
 - Candy donations being collected for the Candy Monster through Friday, October 20th for trunk
- **Room Coordinators – Becky Gilson**
 - Halloween Parties – October 31, 2023
 - 2:30-2:45 Parade
 - 2:45-3:15 Classroom Parties
 - All classrooms have room coordinators/party volunteers, thank you to everyone that signed up
- **Yearbooks-Julie Gritzner**
 - October 31st is the deadline for 10% discount, April 1st final deadline for ordering and making custom pages
- **Teacher Conference Dinner-Ellie Fuchs**
 - Ordering from Hacienda Real (it was a big hit last year)
 - Donations link will be out this week
 - PTO funds are for students only unfortunately the PTO cannot support events for teachers
- **Multi-Cultural Night – Laura Chen**
 - More information to come
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- **New Business**
 - Critical Thinking – Motion approved for \$450 for two Spirobots
 - School wide portable speaker – Motion previously approved (Amazon Prime)
 - MTSS Mrs. Bradford (2nd Grade) Learning Resources (SEL Info) – Motion approved for \$140.00
- **Principal's Report**
 - Candy Monster is still on the loose
 - Excited for Trunk-or-Treat
 - Today we had the Elburn Fire Department is coming to visit with kindergarten-2nd grade talking about fire prevention
 - The weather is changing we will have outdoor recess until it is freezing cold. Please send your kids with hats, gloves, snowpants when needed
 - Looking forward to conferences and thank you in advance for your support for the dinner and lunches
- **Parent Heather Racine**
 - Heather thanked the board/Mr. Zervas for all the hard work the PTO puts into the school. She wanted to touch upon what Mr. Zervas touched upon inclusivity and the efforts that McDole is putting in it. She is looking forward to further inclusion and understanding of the education of neurodivergent kids. She really appreciates it

Extra Recess – Mrs. McDonnell

Reminders: N/A

Next Meeting: November 28, 2023