

McDole Elementary PTO Board Meeting Agenda – November 28, 2023 – 7pm, virtual

Attendees: Laura Chen (President), Qiana Nelson (Vice President), Jennifer Crocker (Treasurer), Colleen Wehrmann (Secretary), Keith Tankersley (Assistant Principal)

- Welcome and introductions
 - This is our monthly meeting open to all parents and staff regarding PTO-sponsored events and PTO fund allocations; if you have school administration questions, please direct them to our Principal Brian Zerfas or our Assistant Principal, Keith Tankersley.
 - If you are interested in getting more involved with the PTO, we do have two open positions for next school year.
 - Our email is info@mcdolepto.org
- Treasurer's report – October and November reports were approved
- Secretary's report – meeting minutes are on mcdolepto.org
- Committee reports
 - Thank you for supporting the Family Dining Night with Panera on 10/30
 - Thank you to all students who participated in the Pumpkin Decorating contest, pictures were posted, thanks to Kalie Douglass for organizing, and Mrs. Bartholomew for coordinating class votes during library time
 - Thank you to Kim Cheatham for organizing the Trunk or Treat on 10/21, and all families who participated; pictures posted
 - Thank you to all families that donated for the teacher conference dinners, and to Ellie Fuchs for coordinating
 - Thank you to parent volunteers for helping with the skating unit in PE, we do need more volunteers, there are lots of open slots, email with signup came out November 17 from McDole Elementary. Skating unit started yesterday and goes till December 15, signups needed for K-3rd grade.
 - Fun lunch – Buona chicken tenders this Friday 12/1; Paisano's cheese pizza on Friday 12/15; treats provided to all students by the PTO.
 - Room coordinators – Becky Gilson
 - Holiday classroom party coming up
 - Multicultural night – Friday, January 26, families invited to choose a country and host a table display, open to all families to walk around, signup coming out soon. If your student is involved in dance or music regarding cultures around the world and would be interested in performing that evening, please indicate that on the signup.
- New Business
 - Fund requests (see second page for details)
 - Assistant Principal's report by Keith Tankersley
- Parent attendance – teacher with the most parents attending wins extra recess!
- Next board meeting is January 9, 7pm

Detailed Staff requests:

1. Jenelle Mance, MTSS, \$650 – Approved by board
 - a. I would like to request funding for an in-person author visit for grades K and 1 at KME. As our kindergarten and 1st grade students learn to read and write, books come to take a more prominent role in their life. An in-person visit from a children's book author provides the opportunity for students to hear great stories, see the writing process undertaken by a professional author, and learn more about the steps to crafting dynamic illustrations. Author, Jacob Grant, lives in the Chicago suburbs and writes children's books specifically for kindergarten and 1st grade students. He is available to come for an in-person author visit for our kindergarten and 1st grade students here at McDole sometime in January or February of 2024. A winter visit is the perfect compliment to the long days of winter in Illinois.
 - b. I am seeking \$650 from our PTO for an in-person visit for our kindergarten and 1st grade students. The \$650 will cover the cost of the honorarium for Jacob Grant.
2. Mary Jandris, Nurse, \$100 – Approved by board
 - a. I would like new packages of underwear for the students, in the event of accident or wet clothing - especially with the rainy/ winter weather coming up. Needed are:
 - i. Boys (boxer briefs preferably) size 5-6 & 7-8
 - ii. Girls size 5-6 & 7-8