

McKenzie PTA General Meeting

May, 2010

(final meeting of the year)

I. Call to Order and Welcome. President, Eleanor Lipinski, called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of the April 13, 2010 meeting. Minutes were reviewed and approved by voice vote.

III. Introduction of the new Executive Board.

The 2010-2011 Executive PTA Board for McKenzie Elementary:

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| President – Eleanor Lipinski | VP Room Parents – Anne Edmondson |
| President Elect – Jen Konz-Alt | Secretary – Maria Fowkes |
| VP fundraising – Ann Sciortino | VP Enrichment – Denise Swanson |
| Treasurer – Brenda Werth | VP Communications – Deb Sokol |
| Treasurer Elect– Michele Irvin | VP Enrichment Elect – Caroline Goldstein |

IV. Thank you to outgoing Executive Board members (present at meeting).

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| Julie Radke | Jane O'Malley |
| Kim Ratkin | Sheri Herd |
| Mary Condon | Kimbra Burnside |

V. Sign up for gift cards. Trying to deplete left-over inventory. Not having them next year.

VI. Principal Report – Dr. Denise Welter

Executive meeting wrapped things up for the year and looked ahead to next 6 months (thru winter break). Dr. Welter expressed her appreciation of the **out-going board** and their hard work. Our **current paperless initiatives** like the Electronic Monitor are saving the school money and teaching our students by example. There are currently **Smart Boards** in every classroom. The **current budget** included this year's benefit. As a result the budget looks big, but will not be having the benefit next year. The board will survey parents and teachers again to solicit short and long term ideas for budget spending. **Things left for the year** include: class everyday, 4th grade farewell, and Outdoor Education. **Becky Littman** will be here 2 days next year. **Enrollment** has been holding steady. There have not been enough new enrollments to warrant new sections. Currently, there are 89 Kindergartners. This is enough for 4 sections. We do have room and teachers if enrollment does increase. It is anticipated that enrollment next year will be around 540 which was the same as this year. Sincere thanks to Anne Edmondson for all she did to organize **teacher appreciation**.

VII. Report of Officers –

A. President - Eleanor Lipinski Remember to complete online registration. Upcoming events include Bike to HMS, Field Day, Farewell Coffee (9am on last day of school). School supplies form is actually due May 14. There are still open PTA positions available for next year: 1st Day Coffee co-chair, Ice Cream Social chair, Yearbook and Fine Arts. These last 2 chair people will work with Sara Kurenski the first year of the position then take over the second year. PTA committee chairs should be meeting with their successors.

B. VP Room Parents – Anne Edmondson Sign up for room parents will be on line this year.

C. Treasurer's Budget Report – Sheri Herd July 1st is the start of the fiscal year. The budget is \$95K for the year. Have a surplus from 2008/9 school year of \$13.5K. We have a surplus of around \$40K going into the 2010/11 school year. Usually like to keep the reserves at around \$40K - \$50K. A stipend of \$200 will be given to the teachers to help them set up class rooms.

VIII. Faculty Representative Report – Kimberly Krumholz - 3rd Grade Teacher

Kindergarten: Letters of the week, telling time, graduation song. **1st Grade:** communities and maps, picnic June 8th. **2nd Grade:** light rotations, expert journals, picnic at Vattmann park. **3rd Grade:** Heritage Day on May 6. Going to see Fire in Boomtown, Jane Adams play and Chicago field trip. **4th Grade:** HMS visit. Outdoor Ed is May 26-28 @ Loreda Taft, astronomy linked with mythology, U.S. regions.

Special thanks from the teachers to Kimbra Burnside for work in obtaining the Smart Boards.

IX. Committee reports

Outdoor Classroom – Kirsten Stadheim. Planting is going on every day. All seeds and plants that the kids planted are thriving. 4th grade is planting grasses and perennials along fence. Butterfly garden is being reconfigured. Bids were sent out for overall outside plans, and came back at \$76K. Will have to scale back with different approach. Enlarging outdoor counsel ring is currently being considered. Would like to fit an entire class there. A bid of \$14K was received to do this. Denise Welter thanked Kirsten for all her work on outdoor classroom. Kirsten was awarded a \$6K grant for the garden and has done a great job of getting adult volunteers to help students in the classroom. 2008/9 survey results indicated more money be spent on outdoor classroom so Eleanor motioned that \$8K from 2008/9 surplus be used to fund outdoor paths and benches.

X. New Business – Kimbra Burnside Village-wide PTO meets every other month. Village-wide communications position established to oversee VP's of Communication from each school in district.

XI. Adjournment – 10:02 am