

**McLean Elementary PTA
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2020**

In attendance 18: Marla Barngrover, Kathie Bills, Raven Bills, Emily Browning, Janell Carr, Alejandra Carreno, Laura Church, Trish Conard, Meagan Denton, Alexia Foster, Diana Frederick, Cindy Graves, Amy Hall, Ray Hall, Claire Kelderman, April Morgan, Nilufer Schlesselman, Kara Yuza

Opening

Meeting called to order by President, Raven Bills at 6:32.

- Janell Carr motioned to approve January minutes, Ray Hall seconded. Motion approved 18-0.

Old Business

Executive Reports

Principal's Report-Cindy Graves –

- Conferences were not 100% attendance, but close. Thanks to all for the staff luncheon.
- Big STEM event coming up Thursday, February 20. More information will be sent out. Celebrating 30 years as a magnet school.
- McLean received the National Magnet School of Distinction Award this year. We were the first school in the District to receive it and one of the schools in the District to receive it 2 years.
- Yesterday was our 4th annual Red Cross blood drive. We had 25 slots and filled 21 with 19 pints of blood donated which helps 57 people.
- It's state assessment time for 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Fifth grade is tested on science and 3-5 are tested on reading and math. It measures student performance and compared with the District.
- Standards-Referenced Grading (SRG) – looking at where kids are and who needs to be reassessed to show their growth from September.

President's Report-Raven Bills –

- The SchoolStore.net packets (included postcards) went home on 1/21/20. Our current profit from the School Store is \$103. So far, teachers have received 66 gift cards equal to \$1,470. This amount is better than total received last year and will likely increase once postcards are mailed.
- Thanks to all who helped with the January staff luncheon and to Ray Hall for the book fair.

Treasurer's Report-Janell Carr – no printed treasurer's report

- Mini grant request from Ms. Begole for \$120 for a technology-based program, Nearpod, which is an interactive web-based tool to guide students through lessons. They can do virtual field trips and can be accessed on any device, but iPads are best. It will be unlimited use and can be used on multiple iPads so both teachers could use it.
 - Ray Hall motioned to approve; Kathie Bills seconded. Motion approved 18-0.

Other Reports

- Buddy Benches – Mrs. Graves: No information yet.
- Scholastic Book Fair – Ray Hall:
Sold over \$4,119.21 and goal was \$4,000. The book count was 320 books sold. The guesstimation was to guess how many books we would sell. We had 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners for K-2 and for 3-5. Should have final numbers from Scholastic soon, but we have approximately \$2,300 in Scholastic Dollars coming from this book fair.

Only 5 teachers reached 75% on their sign-in sheets and none were over 75%. In the past we would give the teachers \$15 credit for books for their classroom and \$30 for those who reached 100%. This fair went ahead and bought \$15 in books for all classrooms. Wanted to talk with Mrs. Graves about possibly changing the location to room 14 to put it closer to the school entrance. Mrs. Graves advised the purpose is to get parents to come down to the library. Maybe we could do a drawing for parents – certain number of names or draw numbers on each teacher list and they could win a sucker or bookmark, etc. The trick is to get the kids involved. Maybe start putting the sign-in sheets out for Friday event. Monday and Tuesday after Friday event do not have many sales – maybe 5 books total. It's mainly just blow pops. What about just having the book fair open the Friday night and then Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during the conferences? Maybe offer incentive to the volunteers like \$5 credit if you volunteer for a time-slot.

If wanted, we can do a BOGO book fair. It's on field day and last year's sales were only in the hundreds. It is not the same books as during the regular book fair and we do not get any Scholastic dollar match. All agreed we should not have a BOGO book fair this year.

- Spring Fund Raiser – Fun Night with raffle baskets on Friday, April 3rd – Meagan Denton: Save the date flyer will go out 2/20 with brief information about donations and classroom theme baskets. Nilufer Schlesselman – in the past, people who donated new items for the raffle baskets would receive free tickets, but last year we did armbands. We still received plenty donations even without the incentive last year. Do we want to give tickets to incentivize? All agreed no. We don't know all basket themes yet, but if you see decent sized baskets (inexpensive) pick some up. Need about 12-15. The merchant letter includes tax information and will be updated. If you know of a company who may want to donate, you can provide them the merchant letter. Nilufer sends it to local businesses and some locations in KC, OKC. Anyone want to go to the local (21st and Amidon) businesses for donations? Games – looking for people to help create and set up the game. We will have volunteer sign-up for people to run the games on that night.

New Business

- Spring school pictures & class pictures – tomorrow: Raven, Ale & Marla will help.
- STEM Event – Cindy wants to give a gift to the kids of heart-shaped seed paper. Need someone to make a card to go on it. Kara will.
- Spirit Night – Laura Church:
 - Chick-fil-A in January – earned \$105
 - Popcorn Friday, February 28th – meet in round room after drop off & done by 10:30
 - Carousel skating – Friday, February 28th – flyers to go out 2/20; Emily can cover door
 - All Star Sports night – Thursday after spring break, 3/26, from 6-9 pm
 - April spirit night – DQ
 - May spirit night – Chipotle
 - Field day t-shirt – will have next month to show
- Need to start discussing officers for next year so talk with people about it

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm