

**McLean Elementary PTA
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2020**

In attendance 18: Marla Barngrover, Kathie Bills, Raven Bills, Laura Church, Trish Conard, Meagan Denton, Alexia Foster, Diana Frederick, Cindy Graves, Amy Hall, Ray Hall, Claire Kelderman, Andrea McCloud Johnson, April Morgan, Shannon Proffitt, Nilufer Schlesselman, Melissa Weigant, Kara Yuza

Meeting was held via Zoom and called to order by President, Raven Bills at 6:30 pm.

Business

- Last week of school is next week – any ideas of things to do?

After last month's meeting Laura created the Bingo sheet and sent it to Meagan. It is more memories of things the kids did throughout the year to compile things that went on during the school year.

In the past there was the faculty vs. 5th grade kickball game and the last day of school picnic. However, Mrs. Graves advised that the school building is closed so no events can occur there. The teachers have been up this week to clean up their rooms and all.

They're planning a bump-up day for Kindergarten to go to 1st grade.

If PTA wants to do something and we're outside the numbers need to be within the requirements. The teachers will be at the school on the last day, next Thursday, 5/21. From 1-3 pm there will be a line for picking up student's things, but it is not required to go. It will be a contactless transfer – you can talk and wave through the car, but they're dropping things in the trunk. Teachers will be outside and staff will be inside going to get what is needed. If PTA wants to do something around the corner for the teachers to come by after. Maybe we could encourage people to bring a poster or ribbon to hang or tie on the fence near the note the teachers put up with the red cups. Or use the Sweetbriar parking lot to have a socially distanced picnic.

Let's do the ribbon idea and get a post or Facebook live around the timeframe. PTA does have a bunch of curling ribbon. Many people may not want to take something from someone's hand. We could leave a bunch of ribbon in a box out by the fence. People could leave ribbon or a see you next year note or something on the fence. Kara is happy to stand there for 2-2.5 hours. We should have pre-cut ribbon available. The school is asking for no outside people to be in the building, but Mrs. Graves can get the ribbon tomorrow. Kara can make up a sign/image explaining what the ribbons are about and Meagan can post it on the PTA Facebook page. Kara will decorate a box for the ribbon. Kara and April will make a sign for the fence and Andrea will cut up some ribbons and put them in bags.

- Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8, 2020. We are still waiting on the debit card for the PTA account to come in – it took 3 weeks to get the debit card. We needed a debit card to order gift cards online.

- Vote for PTA board members for next year 2020/2021:

There are 35 PTA members right now and Mrs. Graves advised we have a quorum so we can vote. Vice President and Secretary are open.

Andrea McCloud Johnson was nominated as Vice President. Elected by unanimous decision.

Shannon Proffitt was nominated as Secretary. Elected by unanimous decision.

President and Treasurer were unopposed and reconfirmed and will remain as follows:

Raven Bills as President

Janell Carr as Treasurer

- Birthday books from Scholastic.

Last month we talked about birthday books for students who hadn't received theirs yet and for those with summer birthdays. Shannon, Claire and Kara divided up the months of birthdays to send out birthday cards to the kids (thank you ladies!). What should we do for 5th graders? Can we pull out books from the back? Cindy said yes, but the kids will not get to choose. The kids enjoy going through the books. Mrs. Begole is sending books to all of her students. Don't think it's a big deal if they don't get them.

Andrea McCloud Johnson made a motion to hold off on the birthday books for the 5th graders going out and let the kids who didn't get a book this year pick out a book at the beginning of next year. Kara Yuza seconded. Motion approved 18-0.

- Lifetime memberships.

In the past these were discussed in April and presented at the May meeting. Since it was not discussed beforehand then we won't worry about it. The board should discuss it when they meet over the summer. It's usually given to an outgoing parent.

- PTA Transition Meeting for all new officers and outgoing officers to meet this summer.

Possibly August 1st or 2nd? We will discuss this via email. Normally we would have this earlier and we do not want to get in the habit of delaying things, but under the circumstances we have to make some exceptions.

- Mrs. Graves has one announcement. She is proud that McLean has shown its greatness yet again! McLean was recognized for the Challenge Award from the Kansas State Board of Education and Superintendent, Alicia Thompson. We were the only elementary school to receive the award. The award is based on how 3/4/5 perform on assessments – kids can't do great if they don't have great teachers, parents and all staff at school. She is proud of our little school that does great big things!

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm