

McKitrick Elementary PTA General Meeting

Date: January 23, 2024

Time: 5:30-6:30PM

Location: Virtual via Google Meeting

Meeting Link: meet.google.com/jmb-cqpi-bcy

Meeting Attendees

Heather Foster Erin Circell Darbie Wilder Lauren Constantine Gina Willemin Allison Cline Becky Maener Lindsay Jimisnn Daisy Casiano Consuelo Benassi Kristian Sarah Carpenter Steph Epstein Lindsay Whitney Viviana Lit Yami Hoyos	Aimee Kennedy Angela Baker Brooke Leslie Chris Godshall Deb Mc D Deborah Caminiti Kim Jones Matthew Moffit Monica Conteras Robert Hudson Lauren Buzynski Yasmine Viehland Amy Manning Ann Testa-Secca Bethany Garofala Mary Hill
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- I. **Welcome, Call Meeting to Order & Confirm Quorum** **Heather Foster, President**
 - a. Call to order at 5:34pm
 - b. Quorum was met with over 10 members on the call

- II. **Principal Updates** **Alison Cline, Principal**
 - a. **Lots of constructions updates occurred over the winter break**
 - i. Smart boards in all classrooms
 - ii. Assessment was done for sounds systems in the classroom and can work off the smart boards too. These enhancements are to be implemented now and through the summer 2024
 - iii. Updates to media center are being finalized
 - iv. Goats hard happy with new home - really kept them warm and happy during the cold/ rainy weather

- III. **President Updates** **Heather Foster, Presiden**
 - a. Members approval of September 6 2023 General Meeting [meeting minutes](#)
 - b. School Of Excellence
 - i. In the fall School of Excellence survey was sent out to our entire school population and we thank you for taking the time to fill it out! The results were super impressive with high percentages supporting what we already know... that McKitrick is a great school!
 - ii. One area that showed room for improvement was the section on diversity &

inclusion. The results showed a need to put more of a focus on educating culturally diverse families at our school on where to go to find support. We feel that educating our culturally diverse families on the current services OR implementing services needed along with making our events more cultural diverse... we will create a more culturally friendly environment which will bring more excellence to our school while making ALL families feel welcomed.

- If parents and teachers interested in joining a committee to focus on cultural diversity, please contact Lindsay Jimison, vicepresident@mckitrickpta.com and Heather Foster president@mckitrickpta.com

IV. Treasurer's Report

Erin Circelli, Treasurer

- a. Update on current balance & total Disbursements
 - i. \$123,965.71, total receipts \$4,197.23; total Disbursements \$0; account balance as of 1/23/24 is \$128,163.04
- b. Propose & Members Vote on Mid Year McKitrick PTA Budget Updates
 - i. Link to budget is in the presentation and changes review during meeting
 - ii. Mid term budget changes were approved with a unanimous vote by our members

V. 2023/24 PTA Nominating Committee

Heather Foster, President

- a. Elect Nominating Committee
 - i. Members voted via Google Poll during the virtual meeting. Results were 16 votes for 3 members with 2 delegates/ back ups
- b. Review 2023/24 McKitrick PTA Officer Nomination Process and Vote On Committee Members
 - i. President asks for 5 members on the meeting to volunteer to be on the nominating committee
 - ii. Members voted using Google Form which of the 5 members would be on the committee with 2 serving as delegates
 - Lauren Buzynski
 - Lauren Constantine
 - Robert Hudson
 - Yami Hoyos (Alternate)
 - Brooke Leske (Alternate)
- c. 2024/25 McKitrick PTA Officer Nominations Application Opens **Feb 5, 2024**
 - i. Interested in getting more involved on the McKitrick PTA?
 - ii. Nominations will open on February 5th for the following positions: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. Complete the interest form and the nominating committee will be in touch.

Standing Chair Updates

VI. Fundraising Report

Darbie Wilder

- a. **Boosterthon Results**

- i. Lead by myself & Erin Circelli, Gina Willemin, Jincy Solar, Consuelo Benassi DeTilio, Megan Wilson & Christie Quinones

Thank you to the team for all of your hard work in making this Boosterthon so successful! Goal was to raise \$50,000 for:

- Media Center Renovations (multi-year, phased project)
- Teacher grants for classroom resources
- Other school technology

I'm thrilled to say we exceeded our goal and raised **\$68,841!**

b. Dine Outs

- i. Thank you, Bobcat families, for making our dine outs a success! We have been able to raise funds for our PTA while supporting our wonderful business partners! Lisa Peluso & Megan Wilson have done an amazing job this year coordinating our successful dine outs!
 - Our first dine out at Three Brother Pizza raised ~\$1,000
 - Our second dine out at Chipotle & BurgerFi raised ~\$700
 - Our last dine out of the year will be at the new Land O' Lakes Blaze Pizza, on Thursday, April 18th from 4-8 pm. We hope to see you there!

c. Bobcat Bash/ Spring Concert

- i. Join us on **Saturday Mar 23, 2024**
- ii. Lead by Barrie Vause, Gina Willemin, Jennifer Teixeira, Lacey Ranucci
- iii. Barrie Vause and her team will be working with the teachers, led by Mrs. Contreras, to plan this years Bobcat Bash. Please save the date for Saturday, March 23rd!

d. SpiRIT wEAR

- i. Jen Ptack has done an amazing job coordinating with our awesome supplier Elite Ink, bringing us new & fun designs! Thank you Jen for all your hard work!
- ii. The sweatshirts from our winter sale were such a hit, we were asked to open up another sale so that is going on currently until February 5th.

e. Holiday Shop

- i. Thank you again to Lisa Peluso & Megan Wilson and all of the volunteers that helped make Holiday Shop so successful and special!

f. Business Partners

- i. **Lead by Emily Draper.** Emily is responsible for securing or maintaining local business donations and relationships, gaining approval for agreed upon advertisements and displaying advertisements, per the business partner agreements. She works hard to bridge the gap between community and school. Thank you to Emily for doing such an amazing job!
- ii. **Also a HUGE THANK YOU** to our business partners who generously help & provide needed resources for our students and teachers. Perks to becoming a business partner include your company logo in our newsletter, flyers & yearbook, receiving a social media spotlight, newsletter spotlight, listing in partner directory on PTA website and company banner displayed on our fence.

a. Yearbooks

- i. Deadline for 5th Grade Yearbook dedications is January 31st
- ii. iF YOU HAVEN'T ORDERED YOUR YEARBOOK - Get their yearbooks ASAP to guarantee yours as we will only have a limited amount once they come in and once they are gone, they are gone

b. Newsletter

- i. January issue of our newsletter was emailed out this morning to everyone with a membership. If you didn't receive it, you can view each issue on our website..

c. How to stay informed and in the know about what's going on at McKitrick?

- i. We want to make sure you are in the know so here are three steps to stay informed.
 - 1. Please sign up for a PTA membership. It is the easiest way to make sure you are automatically receiving notifications on PTA events, programs and volunteer opportunities. You will also be sent our monthly newsletter. There is no time commitment required.
 - 2. Make sure you complete the HCPS volunteer application (YES form) or check your volunteer status. You will need to have this completed in order to go on campus. Also remember to bring identification when coming on campus.
 - 3. Follow the PTA on social media. We are on facebook, instagram and twitter. We also have a parent FB group you can join. All of the links are also on our website www.mckitrickpta.com.

VIII. Parents Outreach

Gina Willemi

a. All Pro Dads

- i. Join us every third Friday in the cafeteria at 7am. Next meeting is 2/09/24!

b. Kindergarten Round Up

- i. If you have a child headed to kindergarten for the 24-25 school year, the Kindergarten Round Up will be the week of Feb 26 - March 1, 2024. Stay tuned for a specific date for McKitrick

c. Volunteering Opportunities

i. Volunteer Opportunities:

- Lunchroom Helpers - Sign up to help at [McKitrick Elementary: Lunchroom Assistance \(signupgenius.com\)](#)
- Sweetheart Dance 2/9 - Volunteer to help at [PTA Volunteers 2023-2024: Sweetheart Dance Volunteer Sign Up \(signupgenius.com\)](#)
- Tutoring - Interest form [2023/24 McKitrick Elementary Tutoring Volunteer Interest Form - Google Forms](#)
- Spring Portraits - 3/6/24 Look for sign up to help soon!

IX. Programs

Barrie Vause

a. McKitrick Serves - Community Service Projects

- i. McKitrick Serves is working so hard on providing community service projects for our students. Paws for Literacy is program for students to read to animals. Reserve your volunteer time Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:45 - 4PM. [Paws for Literacy - Humane Society of Tampa Bay \(humanesocietytampa.org\)](http://Paws for Literacy - Humane Society of Tampa Bay (humanesocietytampa.org))

- ii. Goat Helpers Wanted!!
 - We are looking for volunteers who'd like to help our school goats, Luna & Athena, on weekends and holiday breaks. Reach out to Katie at mckitrickserver@mckitrickpta.com. We are having goat training 2/10 at 10am.
 - iii. Make Valentines for Local Nursing Homes & Assisted Living Facilities
 - McKitrick Service committee is also wanting to spread some love to our local nursing home and assisted living facilities. Students can make valentines cards during SMATH night on 1/25. There is also a collection box in the office.
- b. McKitrick Cares**
- i. Thank you to our wonderful families that donated to the McKitrick Cares Coat and Toy Drives. McKitrick and Alexander Elementary appreciated all the donations for students.
- c. Junior Achievement Classroom Instructions Kicking Off**
- i. JA will be kicking off very soon. Look for volunteer opportunities in participating classrooms.
- d. Reflections**
- i. Reflections Program has moved into the judging process on local, state and national levels. During the meeting we recognized all of the participants and celebrated six of our students were awarded at the Hillsborough County Council PTA/PTSA Awards Ceremony. Their artwork was also on display to the public. Congratulations to our talented McKitrick Bobcats! Winners will be moving on to the state competition.

X. Student & School Support

Risa Anasky

- a. Teacher & Faculty Appreciation
 - i. Custodian Appreciation
 - We celebrated our Custodians on 10/2. Thank you to students and teachers for making signs and cards. The team also helped provide dinner to our hard-working teachers for Conference Night.
 - ii. Upcoming Teacher/ Faculty Appreciation Dates
 - Our Teacher Appreciation committee is working hard to start preparing for upcoming teacher and staff appreciation days.
 - a. **Resource Officer Appreciation:** February 15
 - b. **Conference Night:** February 15
 - c. **Bus Driver Appreciation:** April 23
 - d. **Lunchroom Staff Appreciation:** May 3
 - e. **Teacher Appreciation Week:** April 29 - May 3

REMINDER: McKitrick Families can check out the "Meet the Teachers" page on our website to find ways to celebrate our teachers and staff.

XI. Special Events

Becky Maenner

- a. Family Fun Nights

- i. Recap of Movie Night in October - Mario Bros
 - Huge turnout, popcorn, pizza, shaved ice, Peaches song
 - ii. Holiday Concert in December
 - Ran smoothly, great show, gourmet popcorn, SWAG, photo booth, Art Paper Scissors craft, and of course our free hot cocoa from the PTA and candy canes from our partners at Cheval
 - iii. Upcoming events
 - SMATH & Literacy Night this Thursday January 23rd
 - Sweetheart Dance February 8th
 - Sons & Stars April 6th
- b. Fifth Grade Activities**
- i. We are already halfway through the year for our 5th graders & we just had the second meeting with the 5th grade events team. This year 5th grade parents are leading the different activities and planning is underway. (see flyer on slide presentation)
 - ii. Martinez Open House coming up late February
 - iii. Finalizing the 5th Grade shirts are being designed & will be handed out to students next month.
 - iv. VOLUNTEERS: If you are a 5th grade parent interested in helping out with fundraising... please reach out!
 - v. DONATE TOWARDS 5TH GRADE ACTIVITIES VIA Tab on the website at mckitrickpta.com
 - vi.

XII. Final Thoughts & Closing Remarks

Heather Foster, President

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm
- b. Our next general meeting will be in May. We will announce the date once we get a little closer.
- c.