



# PTO Minutes

MYAKKA CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Meeting Date: October 14, 2021

Meeting Location: MCES Cafeteria

**1. Call to Order** - Meeting began at 5:36pm

**2. Minutes:** We are planning to keep our website updated with previous agendas/meetings - visit <https://myakkacitypto.com/resources-1> for a list of resources and previous meeting minutes!

### **3. Officers' Reports**

- a. President's Report - Julie Snyder
- b. Vice President's Report - Kelly Strausbaugh
- c. Secretary's Report - Ashley Albritton
- d. Treasurer's Report - Lindsey Blakely

### **4. Committee Reports**

We hope to establish a few committees - options may include: Events, fundraising, "teachers helpers," social media, photographers (for events!), etc! Let us know if you're interested!

**5. Principal's Report** - Covered during SAC meeting portion

### **6. Unfinished (old) Business**

- a. Harvest Festival! We are SO excited about this upcoming event (**Friday, 10.22!**) - Make sure to touch base with your students, parents & teachers to see how you can support each other as we work to bring this festival back! We have amazing vendors and donors, and events lined up! If you are interested in volunteering, being a vendor or sponsor.. let us know!
- b. We know there are several fundraisers happening all at once and we know that can be a LOT for parents and teachers - many of the due dates are close but there were a few factors involved, and we will absolutely be making sure we work on better planning in the future!
- c. Otis Spunkmeyer updates - Changing deadline from 10.15 to 10.20 - we know it's super early this year, but we wanted to ensure delivery by Christmas if possible! We are hoping to change the dates for next year - we are trying to work with our rep to plan and account for shipping and inventory delays.
- d. Spirit wear fundraiser - We are planning another with different options in the spring, to give another opportunity for this fundraiser! It's going well - we currently have 45 pieces sold (our goal was 50!)
- e. Website - make sure you check out our website and our FB page for information and updates!

### **7. New Business**

- a. Millage referendum! In 2018, Manatee County voters approved a 1-mill property tax increase to support public schools in Manatee County. The money collected has been used exactly as planned:
  - Add 30 minutes of instruction to each school day.
  - Keep teacher and staff pay competitive with other school districts.
  - Expand STEM and Career and Technical Education to prepare students to enter the workforce.
  - And to support charter schools with their fair share.



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Since it was passed, academic scores are rising, teachers are staying, and STEM and Career workforce programs have been significantly enhanced. The Elementary Agriculture Program being offered at [Myakka City Elementary](#) was made possible through funds from the referendum! Voters have a chance to renew this referendum on **Tuesday, November 2nd**. If you are not registered to vote, the **registration deadline is Monday, October 4th**. Please note, this is not a tax increase – it keeps the current referendum going. Also, every dollar collected stays right here in Manatee County. To learn more, visit <https://www.manateeschools.net/referendum>.

- b. Nonprofit status - we are SO excited to announce that we have applied to become an official nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization to maximize donations and support potential! We are waiting to hear back and we will keep you posted!
- c. Santa Shop! Currently planned for the week before Christmas break - We will have items in all price ranges (most will be in the \$2 - \$5 range, but we hope to have some fun “specialty” items) - will update as we move forward so we know how the PTO can make this the best Santa Shop yet! If you are a parent or volunteer who has a cricut/silhouette and would like to help make some special/custom/handmade items, we would love to chat!
- d. A potential partnership with the Myakka City Tavern - for a PTO “give-back” night, where a portion of their sales support our PTO!
- e. Budget “line items” - planning where our money will go for maximum impact! Hoping to have a draft/outline for review/feedback ASAP.

## 9. Meeting adjourned

### Links & resources:

- Link to Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/213090472079991>
- Link to Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/myakkacityPTO/>
- Link to Instagram account: <https://www.instagram.com/myakkacitypto/>
- PTO email address: [MyakkaCityPTO@gmail.com](mailto:MyakkaCityPTO@gmail.com)
- PTO website: <https://myakkacitypto.com/>

Thank you so much for attending our MCES PTO meeting! We are so excited for your involvement and can't wait to continue making this the best year yet for our students, teachers and parents! Let us know if you have any feedback, ideas and opportunities for us to grow and succeed as a PTO and for our school and community!