



PTO Minutes

MYAKKA CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
February 22, 2022

Thank you to everyone who is able to join us (in person or virtually!) for our February PTO meeting!

Meeting called to order at 6:13pm

1. Minutes: For a list of previous meeting agendas & resources, visit <https://myakkacitypto.com/resources-1>

2. Officers' Reports

- a. President's Report - Julie Snyder
- b. Treasurer's Report - Lindsey Blakely

PTO Account starting balance 10/14/21 \$4,313.80

Harvest festival- \$6,515.05, festival expenses \$895.14, teacher basket proceeds paid \$3,120.00, profit \$2,499.91

Santa Shop- income \$2,676.70, expense \$1,521.30, profit \$1,155.40

Otis SpunkMeyer- Collections- \$8,191.00, expenses \$3394.50, profit \$4,796.50

Spirit gear income \$123.20

Clinic ice machine request- spent \$105.93

Christmas parade- banner \$125.00, hay \$78.75, and candy

Teacher appreciation day- \$800.00

Carousels Valentine day ice cream- \$360.00

Balance as of 2/22/22- **\$11,669.14**

Nonprofit status granted by IRS as of 10-1-2021!! Year ending date Aug 31 must file 990 or other appropriate online form- if receipts under \$50,000 a year the 990-EZ will be filed. No accountant detail required at that level of reporting. All receipts must be kept on hand for 7 years as in all other corporations- reminder to teachers to please turn in their basket receipts.

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

6. Unfinished (old) Business

- a. Harvest Festival! We are so proud of our 2021 Harvest Festival and we are planning to start our outline for the 2022 event at upcoming meetings. Stay tuned!
- b. Fundraiser updates - We appreciate our parents and staff for helping us navigate several fundraisers at once; we know the timing was not ideal but several factors made this year's fundraising efforts overlap, and we are planning ahead to ensure a bit more control and space in 2022 - 2023!
- c. Santa Shop recap - Thank you to everyone who participated and helped our Santa Shop run smoothly this year! Once again, we sold out and are excited to plan for next year! We have already started shopping and we would love your input!



- d. Nonprofit status - We are so excited to announce that we finally received our official 501(c)(3) nonprofit status and we are in the process of filing for our tax exempt forms, so we can make our money work even harder for our Mustangs!

7. New Business

- a. Spring Dance - The Sweetheart dance (typically for 4th & 5th grade students) was canceled because of Covid numbers so we are looking at options for a spring fling!
- b. Field Day - We were asked by a few teachers to come up with some exciting new ideas for the end-of-year field day - and we have a theme we'd love to run by you!
- c. Partnerships - We'd love to try out creative partnerships including supporting local businesses like the Myakka City Tavern and Silver Star - for a PTO "give-back" night, where a portion of their sales support our PTO!
- d. Potential fundraisers - After the Harvest Festival, we realized a need for portable lighting and a sound system, and a donor has stepped forward to help us fundraise for these items. We have started pricing and would like to plan something easy and creative, including asking local businesses to help us raise funds for these PTO items, to be used at upcoming events! If you have any ideas on where to purchase, or how to proceed, please let us know!
- e. Budget "line items" - Planning where our money will go for maximum impact! We created a draft and will share it to get feedback!
- f. Snack packs update - We heard about a need to transport the FELT "snack packs" to the school on behalf of the Myakka City Alliance and Meals on Wheels Plus of Manatee, and we managed to get a few amazing volunteers to help us keep the program going. Our PTO (and support team!) is the best!
- g. Teacher requests - We've had a few teacher requests and we are happy to report that your PTO is excited to make dreams come true! We'll share a few of the exciting updates and if you know of a need or a way we could help make the year even more exciting for our mustang teachers, staff and students - let us know! Better yet, share our form so our teachers can submit for items they need!

9. Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm

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
- 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!



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