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Mary Belle McCorkle PTSO Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Time: 5:44 PM – 6:45 PM

Location: Zoom Link: <https://tusd1.zoom.us/j/89979338031>

Attendance

Joanna Valdez, Sandra Contreras, Carol Kennedy, Nora C, Dr. Celeste Adkins, Deanna Harris, Scott Rodman, Angelica Salcido, Jacqueline Carillo

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Nora Corral at 5:44 PM.

2. Board Vacancies and Appointments

Technical issues with meeting starting time of 5:00 PM. Richard could not get in to the meeting due to technical issues.

*Confirmation that the times are 5:30 for Board Meeting and 6:00 - 7:00 for regular board meeting

The same link will be used for the entire year: <https://tusd1.zoom.us/j/89979338031>

There is a physical signup sheet in the front office for parent volunteers.

Vice president, Jacqueline Carillo, resigned via chat.

3. Fundraising & Events

Fall Festival

Must vote on the event because it is a fundraiser for PTSO

The first Friday of November has been the pattern, HQ looking at the school calendar for dates.

Date:

Nov. 7th (First Friday) - Celeste can plan to be there to handle the tickets with some volunteers.

Needing volunteers to walk around.

Time: 5:30-7:30pm - If people are spending tickets, it can be extended to 8pm.

Sandra Contreras also reminded that the student council will support as they are able to do so.

Needs:

Booths were needed for the fall festival.

More games were needed for the fall festival.

Lights need to be checked.

Get the word out to seek parents to donate games mentioned.

The October meeting will be too late. We need to have a meeting with Admin, PTSO, and some staff employees to plan out the lists for sending out signups and teacher booths, orders, city food handler permits. The committee needs to be put up ASAP. Office staff will set up a booth for their office lounge. Nora will put signup on

Motion for Nov. 7th Fall Festival by Nora
Second Karina
All approve, motion passes.

Dippin' Dots

Motion by Nora to have one dippin dots fundraiser in October to get funds for fall festival
Second from Celeste
All approve, motion passes.

Pros:

- like to do it once a month due to the fact that it is the biggest revenue
- can take the place of penny wars and other fundraisers for the fall festival.
- when students are released on time, the schedule works well.

Concerns:

Kinder students have a very hard time with the process for dippin dots as a lot of commotion is caused with the lines and they were running out of flavors
GL were not releasing on time and causing issues with lines.

Solutions:

Also, another suggestion is for us to have one day for K-3 and another for 4-8. MS and elementary have been on two separate days in other times.
Possibly having parent volunteers to support with younger grade levels. Karina! We would love to have you go around to K-1 on the next DD Day to get their orders.

Snack bar

At this time no volunteers have signed up for this 9/5 snack bar.
Nora checked in with the team for volunteers, we could move the date back or keep at 9/5.
Result of request for support, since snack bar can function at bare minimum with two adults, and Sandra Contreras offered support with students, the snack bar will run 9/5
As a way to get extra funds to PTSO Carol can commit to some of the times running a small snack bar, water, chips, sports drinks, etc. to run during home games and student council could pick it up as well.
If PTSO sponsors it can go under the same umbrella for the regular snack bar. Carol can start at the next sports event.
Carol will work with Ms. Contreras to get support for running the snack bar during school sporting events.

Brainstorm of ideas for events for bring family participation

Nights of loteria - all the kids get something
Events for holidays that involve student gifts
More holiday themed events - Candy canes for all students
Posada
Grandparents' Day - maybe makeup our own

McCorkle Mondays - M&Ms for wearing their shirts on McCorkle Mondays - Increase positive interaction with administration.

Fridays go into each building with a cart to pick a snack for whichever group they'd like to show appreciation. Joanna Valdez - Hit up big vendors to support students.

Delegated to Salcido – Reach out to teachers to get more ideas about how to use funds and what to fundraise.

4. Requests & Approvals

Joanna Valdez - Requesting reimbursement for 36.69 for student boards for the About Me project.

Rodman brought up a change in bylaws of voting for money that has already been spent.

Clarification is as long as you have a receipt and risk the possibility of not getting reimbursed you can bring forth your request.

Motion to Reimburse Ms. Valdez in the amount not to exceed 37 dollars for purchase made for classroom supplies.

Second Mr. Rodman

All approved, motion passes.

5. Updates

Treasury Update

Beginning balance 898.35

Pending deposits 375 and dipping dots 895.35

Total balance at this time for PTSO 2,165.76

Pending reimbursements:

Kennedy for PBIS 212.25 (double check amt)

Wagon around 150 (double check amt)

Principal Report

Great first start of the year.

Things have been going well.

PLCs are working on improving math.

First open houses for k-5 and 6-8 went well.

6-8 participation was a bit lower than usual, possible issues with transition with communication modes such as parentsquare.

Student council elections are 9/4/25. Student council activities come up with PAC for animal food drives, a few dances they have planned, and are working to support teachers through vendors. If teachers ask for stuff through vendors, the student council can support it with pay.

6. Scheduling of Future Meetings

Get ideas together and want to be proactive to plan these things out early in the year so that parents can get more involved and keep the momentum going.

*The main goal is to get families together and excited about McCorkle.

Discuss and determine October Dippin' Dots date and details.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.