

McCornack Elementary Ways and Means Meeting

June 2, 2008

In attendance: Kimberly Allen (Green), Esther Barton, Danielle Benson, Debi Cornell, Angie Elstone, Laurie Freeman, Vicki Hood, Kim Hove, Tasha Katsuda, Mary Kuhl, Debby Liamon, Regina Ligon, Michelle Lodwig, Paula McDonald, John Nichols, Laurie Nichols, Karen Olsen, Holly Powell, Holly Richardson, Michelle

Laurie Nichols brought the meeting to order and reviewed the current balance of the PTO checking account of \$20,350.

Playground Equipment

Tasha brought a proposal to the board for playground equipment. She noted that vendors are reluctant to give prices (only approximations) until a commitment has been made to purchase equipment. This proposal includes the purchase of playground equipment for the southeast playground in the amount of \$7,000-\$10,000. The cost of the equipment would be shared equally by the school and the PTO. In addition, 2 basketball hoops, 2 wall balls and 2 heather ball poles will be purchased by the district (pending quotes from vendors). The district is tentatively scheduled to provide drainage for this area and install bark chip this summer. The district will also be replacing the large wood structure on the north playground with a metal one.

Rather than to fund \$5,000 now for playground equipment, Holly Powell proposed that PTO commit ½ of the funds from the Jog-a-thon, up to \$5,000, toward playground equipment.

- Holly Powell moved that we to fund \$5,000 from the jog-a-thon for playground equipment
- Debie L. 2nd the motion
- Vote: Unanimous

Petty Cash

Laurie Nichols proposed to fund \$1,500 for petty cash as has been done in the past. Holly Powell reviewed the purpose of having petty cash for discretionary spending for things such as (retirements, stamps, death in the family, etc.). In the past, petty cash has also been used to purchase items for volunteer luncheons, teacher appreciation, etc.. Holly Powell suggested that petty cash be lowered to \$400 and that items such as teacher appreciation be separate line items.

- Debby Liamon moved that we to fund \$400 for petty cash
- Danielle Benson 2nd the motion
- Vote: Unanimous

Copier

Debi Cornell noted that copier costs of \$3,500 need to be included as an expense.

Fall Fundraiser/Jog-a-thon

Holly Powell suggested that we to fund \$300 for the fall fundraiser start-up

- Angie Elstone moved to fund \$300 for the fall fundraiser start-up
- Danielle Benson 2nd the motion
- Vote: Unanimous

Auction

- Esther Barton moved to continue the auction
- Debby Liamon 2nd the motion
- Vote: Unanimous

- Debi Cornell Moved to fund \$1,500 for the auction
- Holly Powell 2nd the motion
- Vote: Unanimous

Holly Richardson Carry-over

Holly Richardson brought a proposal to carry over her 2007/08 classroom money to next year, so that she can purchase a document camera.

- Holly Powell moved to carry over Holly Richardson's money for purchase of a document camera
- Kimberly Allen 2nd the motion
- Vote: Unanimous

Health Room Needs

- Holly Powell moved to fund \$500 for health room needs
- Angie Elstone 2nd the motion
- Vote: Unanimous

Student Needs

- Holly Powell moved to fund \$300 for student needs (ie. socks, underwear, etc.)
- Danielle Benson 2nd the motion
- Vote: Unanimous

Teacher Funding

- Holly Powell moved to fund \$150 for each teacher (16 teachers @ \$150 for a total of \$2,550)
- Angie Elstone 2nd the motion
- Vote: Unanimous

Grade Level Changes

A discussion took place around the cost for teachers who are moving grade levels next year. Tasha said that five teachers will be affected by this, and that each of the five will receive an additional \$175 from the school to offset moving expenses. This \$175 combined with \$150 just approved by PTO gives these teachers \$325 toward next year's classroom expenses. Esther Barton noted that she is one of the five teachers who will be moving and that she has already exceeded \$325 in expenses.

- John Nichols moved that we to fund \$200 each for 5 grade level changes for a total of \$1,000
- Debby Liamon 2nd the motion
- After some discussion, this item was tabled until other items were voted on.

Watermelon Feed

- Holly Powell moved to fund \$200 for the watermelon feed
- Esther Barton 2nd the motion
- Vote: Unanimous

Reading Incentive

- Debi Cornell moved to fund \$400 for the reading incentive
- Holly Powell 2nd the motion
- Vote: Unanimous

Specialist Funding

Debby Liamon noted that the school psychologist is not included in specialists' funding.

- Debby Liamon moved to fund \$100 each for 8 specialists (8 specialists @ \$100 for a total of \$800)
- Holly Powell 2nd the motion
- Vote: Unanimous

School Play

- Angie Elstone moved to fund \$500 for the school play
- Danielle Benson 2nd the motion
- Vote: Unanimous

5th Grade Trip (Kaneta)

Karen Olsen noted that gas prices are affecting the cost of the Kaneta trip. Currently the trip costs approximately \$6,000. Discussion took place regarding moving the trip to a closer location to save on gas costs. Karen noted that Kaneta offers a unique and special experience for students that are not available at closer locations.

- Angie Elstone moved to fund the Kaneta trip at \$1,250
- Danielle Benson 2nd
- Vote: Unanimous

5th Grade Graduation/Memory Book

- Holly Powell moved to fund 5th grade graduation at \$100
- Danielle Benson 2nd the motion
- Vote: Unanimous

Karen Olsen talked about the need for more than \$250 for the memory book. Ideas for raising these extra funds included charging students a minimal fee for books, raising amount PTO contributes, etc.

- Holly Powell moved to fund the 5th grade memory book at \$250
- Danielle Benson 2nd the motion
- Vote: Unanimous

Library Rocker

Library volunteers requested a new rocking chair for the library. Two choices were given with prices ranging from \$243 to \$317.

- Debby Liamon moved that we fund \$317 for a library rocking chair
- Debi Cornell 2nd the motion
- Vote: Unanimous

Classified/Certified Luncheons

- Holly Powell moved to add \$100 to classified luncheon and \$100 for certified luncheon for a total of \$200.
- Kimberly Allen (Green) 2nd the motion
- Vote: Unanimous

Electronics Stand

Kimberly Allen (Green) brought a new item to table, presenting the need for a stand for: a laptop, document camera, overhead projector, etc. These electronic items are valuable and need a stable stand to protect them. She proposed purchasing a stand that she has seen in use at another school for a cost of \$289.90.

- Kim Hove moved to fund \$289.90 for an electronic stand
- Danielle Benson 2nd the motion
- Vote: Unanimous

Field Trips

Holly Powell discussed funding student field trips at \$7/student. Debi Cornell noted increasing gas prices.

- Angie Elstone moved to fund \$7/Student (x425 students) for a total of \$2,975
- Jon Nichols 2nd the motion
- Vote: Unanimous

Holly Powell noted that we may want to add more in the future to offset increasing gas prices.

Grade Level Changes (re-visited)

- Vicki Hood moved to vote down the motion for \$1,000 for the 5 teacher grade level moves
- Debby Liamon 2nd the motion
- Vote: Unanimous

- Vicki Hood moved to drop the 5 teacher grade level move funding to \$100 each for a total of \$500
- Holly Powell 2nd
- Vote: Unanimous

Tabled Items

Laurie Nichols noted that PBS incentives and PE specialist, grade level, title money, and Dr. Seuss night will be tabled until fall. There was also talk about combining the reading incentive program with Dr. Seuss night.

Balance as of 6/2/08 \$20,350

Petty Cash	(\$400)	
Copier	(\$3,500)	
Jog-a-thon Start-up	(\$300)	
Auction Start-up	(\$1,500)	
Holly Richardson **carry over**	-----	\$208 Neutral
Healthroom Needs	(\$500)	
Student Needs	(\$300)	
Teacher Funding (\$150 x 16 teachers)	(\$2,400)	
Watermelon Feed	(\$200)	
Reading Incentive	(\$700)	
Specialist Funding (\$100 x 8 specialists)	(\$800)	
School Play	(\$500)	
5 th Grade Kaneta Trip	(\$1,250)	
5 th Grade Graduation	(\$100)	
5 th Grade Memory Book	(\$250)	
Library Rocking Chair	(\$317)	
Classified (\$100)/Certified (\$100) Luncheon	(\$200)	
Stand for Electronic Equipment (Kinder room)	(\$290)	
Field Trips (\$7 x 425 students)	(\$2,975)	
Grade Level Changes (\$100 x 5 teachers)	(500)	
Balance	(\$3,368)	