

**May PTO Meeting  
5/14/19 at 6:30pm in the Library**

In attendance: Maren LaRoche, Jessica Marquez, Jessica Buhler, Cheryle Konold, Londa Rocholz, Heather Friesen, Jen Davis, Laurie Freeman, Amy and Jeff Thomas, Karina Leon, Kelly Medina, Esther Skilling, Jennifer Hewett, Kylar Froom, Kandace Peterson, Sandra Epple, Lynn Kane and Cat Tomlin

Jen Kirkwood wasn't able to be here, but wanted to remind everyone that the Title 1 night is next Thursday May 23, it's called "Camp Read More", we will be having a book exchange, story readers, and other fun activities. She could use some cook volunteers, contact Jen or Lynn if you're interested. The event starts at 5:30.

Yuli wanted to remind everyone to bring in your basket donations so we can get the silent auction baskets ready. Jen mentioned that the online volunteer email will be going out soon and please sign up to help make the event smooth!

Joy Marshall wanted to remind everyone to turn your ballot in! There's a measure on the ballot to help with school funding!

Nominations for the next year's board were held tonight. The board in total reads: Lynn Kane for President, two VP positions are Yuli Martinez and Cat Tomlin, Secretary is Jennifer Hewett, Brian Schrand for Treasurer and Beth Schrand for Volunteer Coordinator, Aaron Friesen for Ways and Means chair, Amy Thomas for member at large, Jessica Marquez for box tops coordinator, Jessica Buhler as popcorn coordinator, Kelly Medina for our graphics coordinator and Jen Davis volunteer member at large. Maren LaRoche motioned to elect all the board in it's entirety, 2nd motion by Laurie Freeman all in favor with none opposed, no abstaining.

Sandra Epple had wanted to discuss stepping down as Book Fair coordinator. Cat Tomlin has absorbed that title into her role as co-VP with the help of Maren LaRoche, Cathy, Julie and Kelley.

May 16th is the Jalisco's fundraiser! Bring the flyer in to make sure McCornack gets the credit and we will receive 20% the sales from that day!

Maren mentioned that we need clean, empty two liter bottles with their caps for use in one of the games for Carnival. Bottles and cans are still being accepted from the bottle drop fundraiser, we had blue bags still available if you would like one to fill!

We congratulated Cheryle for the lifetime achievement award that she recently was awarded, for her dedication to our students and school, Thank you Cheryle!

Amy wanted to know what else we still need for carnival? We need prizes, lollipops and snacks for the snack attack, and since we want to reduce the lines, we will be offering pre-sale tickets in front of the office in the mornings.

Londa opened for our guest speaker by letting us know that sometime in May the school will be practicing the ALICE drill. Standing for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter- which at the elementary level we don't practice and Evacuate. Aside from practicing the evacuation, students will also read the "I'm not scared, I'm prepared" book.

Kari Skinner is the new safety officer for the school district, and came to speak to us about the scope of the work that she is doing at our district and what that means for McCornack. Londa had emailed her questions that she had received from parents, with the main ones being active shooter, internet safety and campus safety. Kari has a lot of background in community safety--retired military and a police officer being her career background, as well as working for two other school districts and implementing funds for two previously awarded grants. She is very passionate about getting the 4J school district the much needed updating in safety and technology to keep our students safe for any kind of emergency we might be faced with, not just violence but also natural disasters.

Kari's currently working to get our district a federal grant that is for up to \$500,000, which is supposed to be used to bring school safety to the level that the federal government believes we should be at. May 31st is the application deadline, and if we are chosen the district would need to match the grant at 25%, which is up to \$125,000. The superintendent is in support of the grant, and has worked in districts in the past where the grant was implemented, so he believes in it. Kari feels our district is in need of a resiliency plan and is currently working on creating a COOP, (continuity of operations plan). They had one in place at her previous district, and she feels like it's a great model to follow. The procedure is only one facet of all the working parts in getting us up to safety snuff, and this is part of what Kari is working on alongside with applying for the grant. The grant would provide funds for products like "night lock," which is a floor base that locks down and secures doors. There are others that are over the door mechanisms and she is researching what is working best for other districts, along with things like updating our log in programs for volunteers. RAPTOR is a robust system that continuously scans the sex offender registry as well as custodial lists among other programs to make sure that we are always up to date as to who is allowed to be on our campus. Kari plans to continually apply for grants for funds she's a huge advocate for maximizing and using free money, and feels a responsibility of stretching it to maximize the budget. This particular grant would be for a 2 year period. Kari says that she knows Salem, Keizer and Portland are all applying for the same grant, which means we are all in competition. The federal government can choose how they divvy up the grant money so Kari is hoping to have our Chief of Police, Fire chief, Superintendent and other key players in our local government write letters of recommendation so that we will have the strongest argument for the need, and hopefully they will choose us. Kari is hopeful we will have an answer by August.

In regards to internet safety, she is looking into what is currently in place with hopes to make it stronger through grant funding. Currently we only have our tech support at McCornack 6 hours a week. While the tech department can do a lot of things, but the district hasn't had the money to update them. The district does lock stuff out, and are constantly trying to block activity that is inappropriate; they find it's more prevalent in the upper grades.

We will have our last meeting in June. We as a board have been talking about our future as a board, and what that looks like, so we will be discussing that at our last meeting, bring your ideas and come meet the new board!