

GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES-FINAL

February 21, 2017

- I. Welcome – President, Christi Harrison
 - Meeting called to order at 9:22am - 15 PTA members, 2 staff members
- II. Approval of January 2016 Meeting Minutes-Minutes were approved
- III. Faculty Report – Gwen Faulkner (see attached Exhibit 1)
- IV. Principal Report - Dr. Denise Welter
 - State of the School address (see attached Exhibit 2)
- V. Executive Board Member Reports and Updates
 - President, Christi Harrison
 - March General Board Meeting cancelled
 - Treasurer, Elizabeth Jensen
 - Reviewed January Financial Reports (see attached Exhibit 3)
 - Treasurer Elect, Denise Schneider
 - 2016-2017 Budget Planning
 - President Elect, Jen Tan
 - Chair recruitment 2016-17 - open position include Sharing Committee, Ice Cream Social, Cafeteria, Family to Family
 - Secretary, Michele Epps/MaryAnne O’Keefe
 - FAN - there are several great events coming up. Colson Whitehead will be speaking on February 27 and 28. See familyactionnetwork.net for more info.
 - Nominating Committee update - have great momentum going and are on track. All positions have been slated except Secretary-Elect and Treasurer-Elect. We have candidates currently considering each of these positions.
 - Fundraising, Dori Boneck/Casey Brown
 - Variety Show - ticket sales have been going well. Ad sales completed yesterday and were strong.
 - Room Parents VP, Louisa Kunzler/Michele Coffey
 - Had a successful bucket of love raffle
 - Will be supporting teachers/staff during PARCC testing
 - Community Building, Amy Weir
 - Last Open Gym Night will be this Wednesday 2/22
 - Movie Night will be this Friday 2/25 - Movie will be Wall-E
- VI. Committee Chair Reports
 - 4th Grade Farewell - planning underway - will have an updated next meeting
- VII. New Business/Next Steps/Other
 - General Board Meeting, April 18, 2017, Cafeteria (Highcrest transition presentation)
 - April 11 - Meet the new Principal event will be held in the library
- VIII. Adjournment - 10:11am

PTA Grade Level Rep Notes:

February 21, 2017

Kindergarten:

We had an eventful week with Valentine's Day & the 100th Day of School! We were lucky to have lots of parent volunteers to help us celebrate.

We are looking forward to partnering with SWANCC again to learn more about natural resources & recycling for an IGNITE sponsored enrichment program.

In writing, we have finished our two Narrative units and we are excited to start How-To writing!

We have completed study of shapes and are working with numbers to 100.

See you at Open House!

First:

We just celebrated our 100th day of school and Valentines day on the same day! Thanks to our generous room parents for their cute craft and art activities! We have been studying different past presidents over the month of February. We have started inquiry-based instruction focused on the change of different solids and liquids. In math, the kids have been learning how to add and subtract numbers within 20. In writing, the first graders have been focusing on opinion writing and they have been writing reviews about some of their favorite things.

Second:

Julie Z. introduced sound, each kid made a sound sandwich and explored how to manipulate pitch and its relationship to sound waves

*Mad Science will be coming next week

Historical Perspectives for Abraham Lincoln

Annie Aggen's Polar Explorers

Writing/reading nonfiction

Students are becoming experts through reading multiple books to grow their knowledge on one topic. Second grade classrooms are doing a variety of things to celebrate the end of the unit including "Expert Fairs" and a Wall of Experts that will be on display at Open House. They are also sharing their expertise in non-fiction writing. Such topics include: Yoga, How to Escape Your Annoying Brother or Sister on the opposite end of the spectrum How to be a Good Big Sister, The Fantastic World of Bugs, How to Handle Moving, and How to Be a Princess. As you can see, students are enjoying infusing their voice and personality into non-fiction writing topics of their choice. They are excited to share them with guests at Open House

Third:

Third grader recently completed studying explorers. The unit included many integrated projects. One involving technology will be on display at open house. Be sure you have a QR reader to enjoy it. Now students are studying Astronomy. The unit begins with students learning about models and their usefulness to scientists. The unit will include a visit by astrophysicist Dr. Scott Friedman. He works on the James Webb telescope in Baltimore. Third graders are developing their skills at information writing by writing about topics they know a lot about. In math, children are learning how to find area and perimeter and working to solve real life applications. Last

week students enjoyed a visit by historical perspectives with a performance about Abraham Lincoln. Lastly, Thank you to the PTA for their generosity with the Buckets of Love raffle last week. It was fun to participate!

Fourth:

The fourth graders enjoyed giving and receiving valentines in their special valentine boxes which incorporated simple machines into their designs. This was tied to the social studies curriculum for "inventions and innovations".

The fourth graders were introduced to the electricity unit through the generosity of the PTA IGNITE program for the "High Tech, High Touch" presentations in classrooms.

We are starting new units for reading and writing about history with a focus on The Industrial Revolution.

We are continuing our study of decimals for math.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday night for Open House.

Technology:

1st grade:

Learning about proper nouns and how to make capital letters on the keyboard using the shift button. They are creating a winter number story book.

2nd grade:

Learning how to cut and paste using key commands (command x and command v)
Creating sound wave art. The computer will record their voice and the kids will look at the sound waves of the word they recorded.

3rd grade:

Finishing up Explorer QR Codes

4th Grade:

Working on Reading Rally Book trailers in iMovie

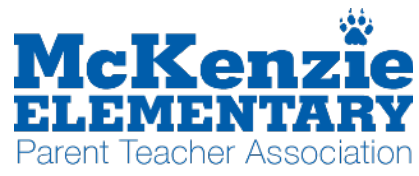


Exhibit 2

Link to full State of the School presentation by Dr. Denise Welter

[http://mckenzie.wilmette39.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_361277/File/Welcome%20Letters/
New%20News/State%20of%20the%20School%2016-17.pdf](http://mckenzie.wilmette39.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_361277/File/Welcome%20Letters/New%20News/State%20of%20the%20School%2016-17.pdf)

Monthly Financial Report
 McKenzie PTA, Wilmette, IL
 1.1.17 to 1.31.17

McKenzie PTA Account

Beginning Book Balance 1.1.17 **167,861.91**

Receipts

Box tops for Education	420.70
GL Scrip - Charging for Cheetahs	124.00
Ignite	375.00
Parent Party	200.00
Interest	14.19
TOTAL	1,133.89

Disbursements

Enrichment Grade Expenses	-5,615.31
Junior Great Books	-872.37
Book Fair	-2,665.46
Learning Commons Read-a-Thon 16/17	-5,586.80
Parent Party	-3,542.31
Office Supplies Exec Board	-115.97
IL PTA Dues	-4.25
Staff Reimbursement	-249.80
TOTAL	-18,652.27

Ending Book Balance 1.31.17 **150,343.53**

Ending Bank Balance 1.31.17 \$ **151,656.23**

Elizabeth Jensen, Treasurer
 Submitted for Audit Committee: 2/1/17