

## McKinley CJA PTO Meeting Agenda

November 13, 2023

- **6:30pm - Meeting Begins**
- **PTO members:**
  - Eleanor White – President
  - Crystal Brown – Vice President
  - Terri Green – Treasurer
  - Krista Bohler – Secretary
  - Rebecca Sparkles and Samantha Fisher - Fundraising co-chairs
  - Jessica Shatto – Yearbook and Cashback Programs
  - Aryn Rehbein – High School Representative
  - Shannon Bailey – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Representative
  - Elizabeth Allen – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Representative
  - Amelia Garcia and Lyndsay Roy – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Representatives
  - Amanda Doyle – Teacher Appreciation
    - Present: Eleanor White, Crystal Brown, Terri Green, Krista Bohler, Samantha Fisher, Shannon Bailey, Elizabeth Allen, Aryn Rehbein, Amelia Garcia, Amanda Doyle
    - Total present = ~21
- **Administration/Staff Updates**
  - Update from Dr Polkinghorne:
  - Security
    - New “open gate” system is allowing quick security checks
      - Includes removing heavy metal objects like water bottles, technology then going through the metal detector with backpack, if not flagged, the student can move on which allows them to get to class faster
    - School security is in contact with the SLPD and can contact if there is an event near the school
  - Be sure to check the school website!
    - [McKinley Classical Leadership Academy / Homepage \(slps.org\)](https://www.slps.org/)
      - On the link you will see “McKinley Classical Leadership Academy Middle and High School” on the home page
    - Dr Polkinghorne updates the calendar daily
      - Calendar: <https://www.slps.org/Page/10294#calendar152972/20231009/month>
    - Spirit Store
      - Coach Larios is planning a spiritwear store, but mostly focused on high school athletics
      - PTO can do something more "general" (call for volunteer)
    - NJHS
      - Ceremony was done last week
      - Photos and Videos will be added to school website
    - Upcoming events
      - Choir Performance – 11/14
      - Musical – 12/6-8
      - Basketball Tryouts for MS Boys and Girls
      - No social events scheduled before EOY
      - National Parent Day - 11/16
        - Parents can RSVP, have muffins in first 2 hours of school day
        - New event, hopefully will grow to reintroduce parents to the school building
  - Information from Ms Townsend
    - Leading new successful FBLA chapter and Investment club
    - Call for parents who may work in HR or relevant positions that have available internships for HS students – please let Ms Townsend know of any opportunities
    - Would like to work with parent volunteers on a Culture Day or Renaissance Faire event

- Johnni Gillespie volunteered to work with Ms Townsend; potentially the event could be part of the DEI committee's outreach and/or a school fundraiser
- **Budget/Treasurer's Report**
  - Review of Middle School and High School 2023-24 PTO budgets
    - Only one teacher grant requested to date
    - HS Prom receipts should go be sent to Treasurer
    - Ultimate budget will be dependent on how much is raised in the annual fundraiser
- **Fundraising**
  - Update from committee
    - So far rough estimate
      - Toolkit: \$1500
      - Venmo: \$1000
    - The Fundraising Committee communication
      - Facebook
      - Email from Membership Toolkit
      - Will ask Admin to send request via the Administration updates which are sent to all parents
        - Will check on SMS update possibilities
      - Tables at upcoming school events
      - Review previous large donors for matching
      - Giving Tuesday – put out call to action
- **Volunteer Opportunities**
  - Teacher Appreciation
    - First Friday Breakfasts
      - December sign up will come soon
      - Teachers appreciated November breakfast!
        - Feedback – the staff enjoys breakfast burritos, egg dishes, hashbrown casseroles, French toast dishes, oatmeal bar, pancake bar
        - There are several GF and vegan/vegetarian teachers
          - Listing ingredients is appreciated
    - Snacks for Teachers Lounge
  - Spirit Wear
    - Call for parent interested in leading
      - Restart Tiny Little Monster store from last year
      - Can create designs if any parents are interested
  - Library Organization
    - Call for parents interested in a library project – more details will be provided by Dr Holloway if we have an interested group
  - Academic Fair
    - A staff member would lead – call for parents interested in helping
    - Example – math fair, science fair, etc
  - Weight Room
    - Dr Holloway looking for donations to the McKinley weight room – let the PTO know if you have questions, need details
  - DEI
    - Johnni Gillespie volunteered to lead – voted and approved by PTO as DEI Committee Chair
  - PTO social event
    - Ice Skating – we have sponsored in the past
    - Eleanor will reach out to Steinberg for cost info and to grade level reps
- **Questions/Info**
  - Sign up link in Membership Toolkit!

- [https://mckinleycjapto.membershiptoolkit.com/sign\\_ups](https://mckinleycjapto.membershiptoolkit.com/sign_ups)
- Must be signed in to see opportunities
- PTO emails will go to those registered in Membership Toolkit

- **7:26pm - Meeting Adjourned**

- **Important Dates and upcoming information**

- McKinley Calendar: <https://www.slps.org/Page/10294#calendar152972/20231009/month>
- District Calendar: [Calendar / 2023-2024 District Calendar \(slps.org\)](#)
- November 14<sup>th</sup> – BOE Meeting
- November 16<sup>th</sup> – PAC meeting
  - Will discuss TIFFs and Tax Abatements
- November 17<sup>th</sup> – Q2 Interim Progress Reports
- November 20-24<sup>th</sup> – No School (Thanksgiving Holiday)
- December 4-8<sup>th</sup> – STAR testing window
- December 6, 7, 8 – School Musical
- December 11<sup>th</sup> – December PTO Meeting
- December 11-15<sup>th</sup> - CSA Q2 and CFA Q3 Window
- December 20<sup>th</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup> – No School (Winter Break)
- January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Q3 Begins