

McKinley CJA PTO Meeting

September 11, 2023

6:30 PM - Meeting Begins

- **PTO members:**
 - Eleanor White – President
 - Crystal Brown – Vice President
 - Krista Bohler – Secretary
 - Jessica Shatto – Yearbook and Cashback Programs
 - Rebecca Sparkles and Samantha Fisher - Fundraising co-chairs
 - Aryn Rehbein – High School Representative
 - Shannon Bailey – 6th grade Representative
 - Elizabeth Allen – 7th grade Representative
 - Terri Green – Treasurer
 - Amanda Doyle – Teacher Appreciation
 - Present: Eleanor White, Crystal Brown, Krista Bohler, Jessica Shatto, Rebecca Sparkles, Samantha Fisher, Shannon Bailey, Elizabeth Allen, Terri Green
 - Total present = 24

- **Open Positions:**
 - 8th grade Representative
 - Important position to help with 8th grade graduation, dance, and other special events!
 - DEIB Committee chair (currently the committee is inactive)
 - Beautification Committee chair (currently the committee is inactive)

- **Administration Updates –**
 - Dr Holloway – present and returned from parental leave
 - Athletics
 - Admin is working to provide parents with “1 pagers” with information about the coach, practice days/times, contact info, competition schedules
 - Girls Volleyball Coach
 - Admin is actively looking for a new coach as the original coach could not follow-through with the commitment
 - the position is funded by the district and the coach receives a stipend
 - a coach must be a current SLPS employee, but does not have to be a McKinley employee specifically
 - parents cannot coach, but admin is looking into how they can help
 - Admin is expecting the game schedule to come from the district office soon

- Admin will be adding an Athletics tab to the website with relevant information
- Staff updates
 - Dr Polkinghorne – new Assistant Principal for the MS
 - CTE background, will help with STEM program, classroom technology, etc
 - Recruiting a new PE and Health teacher
 - Currently the classes have a sub (Mr Larios) who is a coach familiar with the school as well
 - Also looking for a school Library Aid
- Security
 - Additional students this year so McKinley was approved to add more safety officers and add teachers to help with AM security checks
 - what is allowed? – district has a list, but it does not appear to be included in the Code of Conduct
 - 6th graders will have a presentation and go through the list this week
 - Admin will help create an alphabetized list of items to be avoided
 - Parent Drop-off procedures – please review the information provided via email
 - MS enters in Door 12 and HS enters through the front door
- Growth
 - There are 604 students this year!
 - 360 middle school, 100+ more than previous
 - There has been a 25% increase retention from MS to HS
 - The District has challenged McKinley to work toward DESE (state) gifted requirements
- HS Application process
 - HS recruitment night at McKinley
 - 9/26 @ 5:30-7pm
 - Will offer a session about applying in general
 - District offers a family/parent session @ SLU – October 3rd 5:30-8pm
 - 8th graders will take “High School Here I Come!” field trip to Harris Stowe University on September 29th
 - Look for shadow days at various schools – some are scheduling now and some will coming up in the next few weeks
- Open House
 - Sept 14th 5:30-7pm
 - Goals/highlights sheet from Admin will be available at Open House
- Activity Fair
 - Will be held during the school day – later in September
 - Middle School Mixer – held after the Activity Fair
 - High School Pep Rally – held after the Activity Fair

- Field Trips and Activities –
 - 6th grade and 9th grade – priority for bonding activities
 - Teen Town – working on, one is possible before the holidays (for Middle School)
 - Homecoming for HS –
 - Need parent volunteers!
 - Ms Scott is leading Homecoming
 - Admin is working on an online calendar for the school website

- **Budget/Treasurer's Report**
 - High School budget information will be added to the 2023-24 PTO budget
 - Opening new account under new tax ID this weekend (Sept 15-17)
 - Venmo – usable for MS, need to set up for HS, requires separate phone #
 - Stripe Account – will be posted on PTO website, people can donate digitally
 - Checks – make out to McKinley CJA PTO for MS, McKinley CLA for HS
 - Can still send to SLPS foundation – denote McKinley when donating
 - Questions about Tracking/Thanking the donors on digital platforms

- **Fund Raising**
 - Fund Drive kicks off in the fall
 - PTO now has 501(c)3 status and will be transferring funds from SLPS Foundation
 - Ultimate budget will be dependent on how much is raised
 - HS Spirit week will help with fundraising for the HS

- **Volunteer Opportunities**
 - Sign up link in Membership Toolkit!
 - https://mckinleycjapto.membershiptoolkit.com/sign_ups
 - Must be signed in to see opportunities
 - PTO emails use Membership toolkit
 - Teacher Appreciation
 - First Friday Breakfasts
 - Snacks for Teachers Lounge

- **Important Dates and upcoming information**
 - Musical Parent Meeting – 9/14 @ 5-5:30
 - If your child is in the cast, this is required (virtual option and recording will be available)
 - If your child is not in the cast, but interested in the crew – not required
 - The musical is Shrek
 - Let Rebecca Sparkles know if you want to volunteer!
 - McKinley Open House - 9/14 @ 5:30-7pm
 - You will follow your child's schedule, meet teachers, review class syllabus
 - McKinley High School Recruitment Night – 9/26 @ 5:30-7pm
 - High School Here I Come

- SLPS 8th graders @ Harris Stowe on September 29th
- Parents @ SLU on October 3rd 5:30-8pm
- Picture Day for both MS and HS – 10/4
- Next PTO Meeting – October 9th!
 - Google Meet will be shared via FB and Membership Toolkit
- Band Booster Trivia Night on October 14th

7:21 Adjourned