

McKinley Middle School PTO

Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2015

PTO board and attendee introductions

Principal's Report

Special assembly (today November 9) – Musial Moment: St. Louis Sports Commission of St. Louis talked about Stan Musial, his character and sportsmanship.

Urban Debate club – middle and high school students going to a meet at Roosevelt High School

November 20: 6th Grade movie night – *Back to the Future*

December 4: High School winter ball – fundraiser for athletic association

December 17: last day of classes

January 4, 2016: first day back at class

Additional discussion:

November 13: 7th grade off site activity: human foosball

November 24 – STEAM trip for half of the 6th grade; the other half goes in the spring

Principal Warmack will check with teachers regarding outside classroom/activity field trips they want .

Treasurer's report

Some money was spent on a teacher dinner and some was spent on a teacher breakfast. The budget will be updated once the receipts come in.

Grade Level Reports

6th grade representative (Nicole)

November 20 – Movie Night at school - *Back to the Future*

Need volunteers – especially AV experts.

It was noted that last year Mr. Dorries trained a parent to use the equipment. The grade representatives are in communication with Mr. Dorries.

7th grade representative (Diane Keaggy)

November 13 – human foosball at Great American Foosball

Principal Warmack didn't know about the event. Grade representatives will try to get the event on morning announcements.

8th grade representative (Shannon)

End of January there will be a winter carnival at school.

Budget

In previous years a percentage went to the grade level, the PTO general fund and the 8th grade fund. Parents had concerns about where that money would go. With the change in administration this year it seems that has been resolved. McKinley isn't a Title 1 school so it doesn't get that funding. It is one of the least funded schools in the district.

The PTO budget reflects a move towards parents funding more activities for students in order to bridge some of the funding gap.

Donations will be divided as follows:

60% to general fund

40% to grade level (2 activities per year and remainder goes to students' 8th grade activities)

Fundraising goals (itemized in the fundraising letter)

- Busses for field trips
- Classroom grants
- Teacher appreciation events (easiest for one person to buy the supplies needed)
- Yearbooks – Since there is no home room, a large team of parents would be necessary to collect the money and keep track of everything. It's easier to supply everyone with a yearbook, and better for the culture in the classroom if everyone gets a yearbook.
- Student recognition for academic achievement – small party celebrating the achievement, medal for spelling bee, etc.
- 2 class activities per grade level (regular PTO events)

PTO committees Hospitality, Beautification, and Sunshine are listed in the budget.

Discussion

A parent mentioned that for one 6th grade field trip teachers picked who went on the trip. It doesn't seem ideal. Pat would like to get field trips more structured. The PTO needs to work on both the money part as well as the structure.

For tax deduction purposes, the PTO will use the SLPS foundation ("Friends of McKinley"). All donations will be tax deductible.

Plan for sending out the fundraising letter: school website, social media, principal's letter, could also use the Buzzbook information.

Suggestions for communicating the letter:

- principal email the letter through SIS
- could pass out the letter at grade level events

Vote

Motion to approve budget.

Budget passed.

Fundraising

The fundraising letter asks for any amount. It talks about corporate matching, year-end giving, tax deductions, and asking relatives and friends for small donations (just as you might ask them to buy candy).

Discussion

Kids' involvement: they could raise money on their own or write a thank you letter to someone who donated, or any other way that seems appropriate to parents.

A parent asked if there would be any McKinley themed gifts/tokens for donations. None are in place now. This could be discussed for future fundraising.

A question was asked about online donations. A Square reader would have to go to foundation to make it tax deductible. PTO board can investigate if there's a way to collect donations online. A parent mentioned that the Square reader could be used at grade level events to collect donations.

Buzz Book

Claralyn Bollinger reported that there are only 52 entries so far. She can email a link to the form directly to anyone that wants it.

Other business

Teachers are using different methods to communicate grades. It's confusing and not streamlined. Not all the teachers are using the same system. The PTO board will follow up with the principal. Teachers are using multiple platforms:

- SIS
- Springboard
- Jupiter ED

Girls' exterior bathroom doors (from hallway) are being locked from the inside by students playing pranks. Parents feel that the doors should not be a thumb turn type deadbolt. This may be a policy that has to be discussed with the district.

A parent questioned why the school was not locked down during the shooting at Jefferson and Russell. PTO board will follow up with the principal.

A parent asked if McKinley spirit wear is available. High school group is selling McKinley spirit wear. Pat will follow up with the high school PTO regarding availability.

6th grade girls who participated in coed flag football enjoyed the experience.

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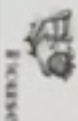
Attachment: Attendance Log



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PARENT CONTACT SIGN-IN SHEET



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015



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