

McKinley Middle School PTO November Meeting Notes - 11/9/20

Via Zoom

Executive Committee Members Present:

Colette Edson, Chair
Jocelyn Hawthorne - Parliamentarian
Jennifer Anania - Treasurer
Sarah Custis - Fundraising Chair
Eleanor White, Secretary

Other parents present: Not recorded, but approximately 20

School officials present: Principal King, Assistant Principal Lischwe

Notes: Eleanor

1. Call to order at 6:32 - Jocelyn Hawthorne
2. Please join Membership Toolkit!
3. Principal/Assistant Principal Update - Mr. Lischwe
 - a. School restart delayed until after Winter Break
 - b. Virtual learning going well, hearing positive feedback from families
 - c. Balancing keeping student engagement/involvement up without overwhelming them
 - d. Promethean boards still making their way through SLPS purchasing process
 - e. Budget request - Ms. Neubling requesting sight reading program, but now probably does not need - withdrawing request
 - f. Virtual extracurriculars going well
 - i. Springboard has 19 kids involved
 - ii. Thanks to Lisa Dorner for supporting
 - g. High school winter sports practices have begun
 - h. No update on middle school winter sports or district policies for in-person extracurriculars
 - i. Final exams - at middle school level, focus on reviews after Thanksgiving to allow kids to get caught up, enrichment, final projects, but no final exams as of now
 - j. Attendance is going pretty well - continue encouraging kids to attend daily
 - k. Parents shared positive experiences with staff. PTO will send a copy of the chat to Ms. King to share w/ teachers.
4. Fundraising update - Sarah Custis
 - a. People have been generous in donating to families in need last spring, and donating to smartboard drive
 - b. But overall PTO fundraiser participation and donation amounts are low
 - c. Extending fundraiser deadline to **Sunday night, 11/15**.
 - d. Need to cut off so can set budget, make teacher grants, make cuts, etc.

- e. Currently have 87 donations, \$13,866, 25% of families have donated
 - f. Usual goal is \$23,150, but had already set "Plan B" budget of \$17,000 earlier this year, but currently \$3,000+ short of that
 - g. Let's get to at least \$17,000 and 50% families participating!
 - h. Major things the PTO funds -
 - i. Yearbooks for all
 - ii. Field trips
 - iii. 8th grade promotion & special events
 - iv. Honor society pins and ceremony
 - v. End of year treats
 - vi. Social events for grade levels
5. Budget update - Jennifer Anania
- a. Review budget
 - b. Bought lots of hand sanitizer stations, additional masks
 - c. SLPS improved air quality, so PTO doesn't have to buy air purifiers
6. Diversity & Inclusion update
- a. Survey out
7. School swag store
- a. Elizabeth McNulty working on this
 - b. Editing goldbug art to make suitable for printing
 - c. Selected vendor
 - d. Will NOT use Membership Toolkit store because that didn't match up with the vendors' needs
8. Virtual social experiences for kids
- a. 6th grade surveying about student interests - maybe trivia night, etc.?
 - b. 7th & 8th grade - no plans yet.
9. Adjournment - 7:08