

McKinley Middle School PTO Meeting Notes - 8/16/21

Via Zoom

Executive Committee Members Present:

Colette Edson - Chair
Jennifer Anania - Treasurer
Eleanor White - Secretary
Jocelyn Hawthorne - Parliamentarian

Other parents present: Not recorded, but approximately 85

School officials present: Principal Nakia King, Assistant Principal Lischwe

Notes: Eleanor

1. School updates from Ms. King
 - a. Drop off processes?
 - b. Do you need to attend registration if kid is going to online learning only? No, not if they don't need a device.
 - c. Do all in-person kids need a device? Yes, they will need a school device in class.
 - d. Lockers? Goal is to issue lockers, but won't have first week - want to work on smooth transitions, so encourage kids to pack lightly. Band instruments will be housed in band room, so not carried around to classes. School is ordering locks.
 - e. Differentiated instruction? Teachers will do assessments and work to meet students where they are and close learning gaps. Will vary by class.
 - f. Dismissal time? 2:07.
 - g. How to drop off? Supervision outside and temp checks - parents do not need to walk kids to school. Parents not allowed in building.
 - h. Lunch seats assigned? Yes. For start, can pick a seat, but from there that will be their assigned seat. See admin if seating is an issue.
 - i. Medications? Bring to registration and give to nurse and address any concerns.
 - j. Data on learning loss from last year? We do not. Just received end of year STAR scores. MAP and EOC data still not in, due to # of students who did not test, statewide.
 - k. Still A days/B days? Yes - Mon/Wed A days, Tues/Thurs B days, Fridays will alternate. First Friday will be an A day.
 - l. Sanitizing rooms between classes? Yes. Students will wipe down their areas.
 - m. Attendance issues for students missing due to having covid, or needing to quarantine? Yes, will be marked absent. Teachers will still be able to share assignments so students can complete at home.
 - n. Special precautions for choir, dance, band, etc.? No special guidance has been offered by city health department. Will keep 3' apart.
 - o. Send out recording of meeting? Yes, if allowed by Zoom.

- p. How will students find classrooms? Teachers will be in halls to help.
- q. If student gets covid and misses, how participate in school? Will be marked absent. Some teachers are recording their lessons and can send to absent kids.
- r. Masks during band? Have special masks that they can use during band with openings to allow playing instruments. Provided by Band Boosters.
- s. New staff? Mr. Gordon - PE, Ms. **** - Dance. For high school, Ms. Anderson is new freshman English teacher
- t. New advisory period to help students transition into school and provide them with an adult that they can be comfortable with and go to with needs/concerns. Will continue to be reevaluated throughout the year - can be place for project-based learning, etc.
- u. Afterschool activities/clubs? Fall sports are happening, but school is lacking coaches at this time. Teachers have not yet designated what clubs they want to sponsor.
- v. Bus riding with friends? Would need to check w/ First Student, but likely would need letter from parent authorizing them to ride a different bus.
- w. School start? Can arrive after 6:30, class starts at 7:10. Tardy after 7:10.
- x. Change clothes for PE? No locker room/clothes change for PE at this time.
- y. Schedule changes? Can't do during registration unless something drastic is wrong w/ your schedule. Difficult to make schedule changes because classrooms have capacity set by social distancing and changes can have ripple effects.
- z. Will Microsoft Teams still be used? Yes.
- aa. Will consumables/textbooks be given to students? Not generally - they will be online.
- bb. Will all classes be recorded? No, but most will be. However, students will not be able to view recorded classes until they return. No virtual option.
- cc. What time is lunch? Varies by student schedule.
- dd. Will student grades be negatively impacted by covid absences? No, as long as students turn in the work when they return. If student is gone for long period, a plan will be set up to get caught up.
- ee. Teams for kids to view lessons live if at home? No, the district is not offering this.
- ff. Uniforms? No, but dress code calls for appropriate clothing, nothing offensive.
- gg. Masks in choir? Yes.
- hh. Covid testing for sports? Yes.
- ii. Schedule changes? Send to Ms. King.
- jj. Restroom breaks/supervision? Student restroom breaks will be monitored by floor staff to keep from congregating in bathrooms.
- kk. Gender neutral bathrooms? Not formally - contact school counselor if there are concerns or arrangements need to be made
- ll. Virtual field trips? Not planned at this time
- mm. Meal payments? All meals are free, both breakfast and lunch for whole district.

- nn. When are student schedules out? Schedules are out on the Parent Portal. You will get access at registration if you don't already have it.
 - oo. What would trigger switch to virtual/distance learning due to covid? That's a district call, not a school level call.
 - pp. Athletic physicals? Good for 2 years.
 - qq. Meals for students enrolled in Edmentum virtual school? Not provided by the district
 - rr. Earliest drop off? 6:30
 - ss. Staff covid screening? Same as students - temp checks and screening questions
 - tt. iPad/tech pick up - 8/18 for middle school, 8/19 for high school
 - uu. Student voice in scheduling? Students were asked about scheduling last spring, but there isn't a lot of flexibility and choice.
 - vv. Staff vaccinated? Unless teacher voluntarily tells you, you can't find out.
 - ww. If student is absent multiple days, how would they catch up on viewing recorded lessons? Would be provided with link.
 - xx. Do students go directly to class at drop off? Yes.
 - yy. If students arrive late, can they still get breakfast? Yes, we don't let kids go hungry.
 - zz. Can families pick up tech for middle school & high school at same time? Yes, contact Mr. Lischwe to coordinate.
 - aaa. Will there be any concerts? Not planned at this time.
 - bbb. How access Parent Portal? Parent portal is Tyler SIS. Will be given access at registration.
 - ccc. Will there be Teen Town? Not at this time.
 - ddd. Vaccination rates in building/district? The district has some info on district staff vaccination rates but did not provide this info to schools.
 - eee. Placement tests? Will be provided during first week of school.
 - fff. School supplies? Don't worry about it - school has lots of supplies.
 - ggg. Will instruction look like before? We cannot go back to "normal" - challenging staff to think outside the box and do better this year. PD has been on encouraging teachers to change up class structures.
 - hhh. Will students move room to room? Yes, but as with last year, admins will be staggering transitions and ensuring social distancing. Directional stairwells, etc.
 - iii. Doing all technology this year? No - will offer paper so students can take notes.
 - jjj. Students access Tyler SIS? Yes - school will teach them how.
 - kkk. Can students walk through halls at registration? No - this is teacher classroom prep time.
2. Welcome and intro to PTO - Colette Edson, PTO President
 3. Call to order at 7:22 - Jocelyn Hawthorne
 4. Intro of exec board:
 - a. Colette - President
 - b. Jennifer Anania - Treasurer
 - c. Eleanor White - Secretary

- d. Jocelyn Hawthorne - Parliamentarian
 - e. Tiffany Tibbs - new fundraising chair!
 - f. Jessica Shatto - Yearbook chair
5. Regular meeting times - 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30.
6. Purposes of PTO -
 - a. Support staff/school needs
 - b. Support student learning opps
 - i. Field trips
 - ii. Afterschool clubs
 - c. Social events
7. Important info shared by Jennifer Anania (see attachments)
8. Parents encouraged to donate to the annual fund drive
 - a. Can donate through Venmo, SLPS Foundation (use McKinley code), send check
 - b. PTO spends about \$75/student on projects, so would love to see families donate at at least that level.
 - c. If making \$1000+ donations, please contact board member so we can do matches/challenges.
9. Connect with the PTO via Facebook:
 - a. Middle school parent FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/214650668582110>
 - b. Many classes have their own page as well.
 - i. 6th grade parent FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/616610496410359>
 - ii. 7th grade parent FB page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2432246023734475>
10. Next meeting - Mon. 9/13
 - a. Will include discussion/approval of budget
11. Adjournment - 7:38