

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

Via Zoom

Executive Committee Members Present:

Jennifer Anania - Treasurer

Tiffany Tibbs - Fundraising Chair

Amanda Doyle - Teacher Appreciation

Eleanor White - Secretary, Substitute Chair for this Meeting

Jocelyn Hawthorne - Parliamentarian

Other parents present: Not recorded, but approximately 35

School officials present: Principal Nakia King, Assistant Principal Lischwe

Notes: Eleanor

1. Call to order - Jocelyn Hawthorne, Parliamentarian - 6:31
2. Welcome & Meeting Goals - Eleanor
3. Do you want to serve on the PTO board? We need a VP and grade reps for 6th and 8th grades! Thanks to Sarah Vora for being 7th grade rep.
4. Principal update - Mr. Lischwe
 - a. Really want kids to be in school - has already shown improvements in learning
 - i. But don't send them sick - review symptom checker on SLPS website (<https://www.slps.org/domain/14784>)
 - b. Have smoothed out lunches, pick up and drop off
 - c. Just hired new information technology coordinator (starting today) so they will be taking over tech management
 - i. Have limited number of laptops available for students to borrow while in school if needed
 - d. Advisory - goal to facilitate deeper social connections w/in school
 - i. Academic support, SEL, has shared goals with staff and students
 - ii. Reduced to 40 minutes/day from 60 minutes
 - e. Covid quarantine steps?
 - i. School sends all info to the district contact tracers and they make the call on whether students need to quarantine, etc.
 - f. Lockers?
 - i. Coming back soon, but for now kids should not need a lot of items in their bag.
 - g. Lines in morning for check in
 - i. Having light bags does help check in go faster
 - ii. Will continue streamlining process/staffing
5. Budget review - Jennifer Anania, Treasurer
 - a. For 2020-21, raised \$27,000 and spent about that much too, which is the goal

- b. Ending balance of \$30,000
 - c. For 2021-22, keeping budget flat from 2020-21
 - d. Questions - are teachers/admins aware of the budget items? Yes.
 - e. Vote to approve - 19 approved of 33 participants - **budget approved**
- 6. Membership Toolkit - still need 6th grade families to sign up - only about 57 families, compared to 95/99 for 7th and 8th grades
 - a. Would appreciate help from school to provide further communication to 6th grade to sign up
- 7. Annual Fund Drive - Thank you Tiffany Tibbs!
 - a. Have raised about \$1700 so far
 - b. Now that budget is approved, really kicking fundraising in high gear
 - c. 3 ways to donate:
 - 1. Donate [online](#) using www.slpsfoundation.org (tax deductible). To ensure this is coded to our school, type "860-McKinley Middle School" in the note and send an email with your donation amount to mckinleyptoboard@gmail.com so we know to be on the look out for your donation.
 - 2. Donate using [Venmo](#) - @McKinleyPTO-slps (if they ask for confirmation of a phone #, use 6414).
 - 3. Donate by sending a check that is made out to SLPS Foundation (tax deductible) or to McKinley CJA PTO. Your check can either be sent to school and put in the PTO mailbox or mail it directly to the PTO treasurer's house if you don't want to send it to school with your student (email for the address).
 - d. All gifts are welcome and valued!
 - i. Contact Tiffany if you want to do a matching gift
- 8. Yearbook Update - Thank you Jessica Shatto!
 - a. Parents please take pictures at school sporting events and share w/ yearbook committee via email
- 9. Teacher/Staff Appreciation Update - Amanda Doyle, Krista Bohler, Laura Zwarun
 - a. Provided bagels and coffee in September
 - b. High school PTO will cover October
 - c. We will do November - contact committee members if you have ideas or contributions
- 10. Questions
 - a. Are parents allowed to attend sporting events? - will need to ask administration
- 11. Adjournment - 7:04 p.m.