

McKinley PTO Meeting Notes - 10/25/21

Officers Present:

Colette Edson, Chair
Jennifer Anania, Treasurer
Tiffany Tibbs, Fundraising Chair
Eleanor White, Secretary
Jocelyn Hawthorne, Parliamentarian
Sarah Dalton, 6th grade representative
Sarah Vora, 7th grade representative

McKinley Administrators: Dr. Holloway, Interim Principal

Others: About 30 other parents

Notes: Eleanor

1. Call to order - Jocelyn Hawthorne, Parliamentarian - 6:33 p.m.
2. Welcome Dr. Holloway - Colette Edson, Dr. Holloway
 - a. Colette - everybody put welcome and positives/suggestions in the chat
 - b. Survey coming from district about culture/climate, but he will also send out a shorter one just for McKinley
 - c. Goals:
 - i. Include everyone in the planning process, including students
 - ii. Focus on equity - who is school serving?
 - iii. Academics/instruction - balance of academics/SEL needs
 - d. Will provide bi-weekly communication - exact form TBD, to include shout-outs, sports, calendar, etc.
3. Fundraiser update - Tiffany
 - a. Current \$15,400 - goal is \$23,000, so still need \$7500
 - b. This is last week of fund drive
 - c. Currently 29% of families participating - goal is to increase and have broad buy-in
 - d. Current match is \$350 being matched with new family \$10 matches
 - e. Encouraging people to ask relatives, friends to give, see if workplace matches gifts
 - f. Can donate by Venmo, check, or SLPS Foundation:
 - g. Three easy ways to donate to the Fund Drive: 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 mckinleypboard@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).

4. Financial updates - Jennifer
 - a. If we don't raise full amount, we will decrease all budgets by 25%
 - b. Not a lot of expenses yet - this is typical for start of the year
5. Ms. King remembrance
 - a. Colette - there's a time and place for each leader at McKinley, and Ms. King cared deeply for the kids and worked hard to keep them safe and take care of their social/emotional needs especially during the pandemic
 - b. Please share thoughts in chat
6. Grade level activities
 - a. SLPS is loosening restrictions on events, which could raise possibility for social events for in-person activities
 - b. Ideas?
 - i. Ice skating - for everyone?
 1. Oana Jackson - would help with this
 - ii. Outschoool virtual escape room
 - iii. eSports at Brentwood place?
 - iv. 8th grade parents - Molly Krebbe and Heather Murch
7. Yearbook Update - Jessica Shatto
 - a. Please send photos
 - b. Mr. Lewis and art students are picking out cover and doing art for inside
 - c. Send via link: <https://bit.ly/mcjayearbook> or email mcja.yearbook@gmail.com
8. Teacher/Staff Appreciation
 - a. Provided breakfast in September, will do something special in November
9. Adjournment - Jocelyn - 7:09 p.m.