

## McKinley Middle School PTO October Meeting Notes - 10/12/20

Via Zoom

Executive Committee Members Present:

Colette Edson, Chair  
Arinola Solanke - Vice Chair  
Jocelyn Hawthorne - Parliamentarian  
Jennifer Anania - Treasurer  
Sarah Custis - Fundraising Chair  
Eleanor White, Secretary  
Lisa Granich-Kovank - 7th grade rep  
Jinal Doshi - 8th grade rep  
Emily Hubbard - Diversity Committee co-chair

Other parents present: Not recorded, but approximately 25

School officials present: Principal King, Assistant Principal Lischwe

Notes: Eleanor

1. Call to order (6:30) - Jocelyn Hawthorne
2. Welcome
3. Principal/Assistant Principal Updates - Mr. Lischwe & Ms. King
  - a. Colette shared appreciation for weekly newsletters and for Ms. King including PTO info in her correspondence to families
  - b. No restart date yet for middle schools, but admin are spending time on planning
  - c. Facilities wants/needs:
    - i. Contactless hand sanitizer stations - 2 per floor
    - ii. Air purifiers, especially for gym
    - iii. More masks & wipes
    - iv. Cleaning goody bags for teachers
  - d. Working on teacher-sponsored middle school extracurriculars (virtual)
  - e. High school sports returning for winter
  - f. Schedule
    - i. Will continue to follow distance learning bell schedule for now
    - ii. If return to in-person, would return to old schedule unless have to make major changes to master schedule
  - g. What additional safety considerations are being made for band, gym, etc. - TBD
  - h. How are teachers doing? Are they in the building?
    - i. Required to be in building 2 days/month. Enjoyed their PTO lunch
  - i. Test results
    - i. STAR tests actually show lower number of "basic/below basic" scores than last year, so that's a good sign that learning loss wasn't too bad

- j. Will be doing district-level subject testing this week, which will provide more detailed info.
- k. Parent conferences
  - i. Teachers will contact families to schedule
  - ii. 5 minute online conferences
  - iii. Prioritizing families of kids with low grades
  - iv. Will mostly be next Tues/Wed (10/20, 10/21) but will expand into next week as well
- l. High School Here We Come virtual event - Thurs. 10/15, 1:30-2:30
  - i. 7th & 8th grade parents and students
  - ii. Ms. Pearson & Dr. Metzger did a presentation for 8th grade earlier this month - families can view in Ms. Pearson's Teams group
- m. Promethean boards
  - i. Still working their way through SLPS procuring process
  - ii. Will be huge step in getting school up to par on technology
- 4. Finances - Jennifer Anania
  - a. Only expense for October was \$530 for Teacher Appreciation lunch
- 5. Fundraising - Sarah Custis
  - a. Have raised \$1000 for annual fund so far - goal is \$23,000.
  - b. Bigger donors should talk to Sarah about setting up a match/challenge gift
- 6. Facilities needs for reopening
  - a. Admin team is putting together a request for PTO support (using \$5000 budgeted last spring). May include items above (wants/needs list)
- 7. Extracurriculars update
  - a. Springboard Colorwheel class still has a few openings - needs more kids!
  - b. District is not sponsoring extracurricular activities, but teachers are now approved to offer independently.
- 8. Diversity Committee - Emily Hubbard
  - a. Working on survey to see what families want/need in the area of Diversity & Inclusion
- 9. School Store
  - a. Colette following up with a parent who is looking into starting school store within Membership Toolkit platform. Any interested volunteers, contact the PTO
- 10. Adjournment (7:10)