

**McKinley CLA Middle School**  
**PTO Meeting Minutes – November 13**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Principal's report**

- Footloose musical - Nov 14-16
- Mr. Warmack had a meeting with the middle school students about the high level of suspensions this year.
  - These numbers include multiple infractions for the same students and include in-school suspension (1 hour up to a full day) and out of school suspension
    - 6th grade: 20
    - 7th grade: 15
    - 8th grade: 15
  - Issues include bullying (mainly verbal/written), being disrespectful to teachers, being disruptive in class, etc.
  - 4-5 students were given out-of-school suspension due to fighting
  - Follow up questions from parents:
    - Should profanity in the classrooms be addressed? This is addressed by the administration when reported by the teachers or students.
    - Is there a way for students to anonymously report concerns? Yes, there are forms in the office that can be used to report issues and handed to the secretary. They are not required to include their name.
    - It seems like some of the issues are increased due to excessive cell phone usage in the classroom. What can be done to prevent this? The administration has been working with teachers to limit the amount of green time (free device time) in the classrooms. They also encourage you to monitor your child's usage and if you notice excessive usage during the school day, please report that to Mr. Warmack and Dr. Bednarick.
- There will be a canned food drive after Thanksgiving, Nov 27-Dec 8.
  - Students should drop off the canned goods in their 1st hour classes.
  - The food will go to the Sunshine Ministries in the city.
- Parents asked if we could look at using a new photographer for school pictures next year. It was suggested that since the current photographer doesn't have yearbook software we may want to see if we can still get a service such as Life Touch to do photos and create a yearbook for this year. The PTO board will explore this further.

**Other Items of Discussion**

- Thank you to all the volunteers who planned the class events, teacher breakfasts, conference snacks, etc.
- Fund Drive Update
  - The matching donation of \$1,000 was a great success and by the Nov. 13 meeting the fund drive had raised \$15,400.
  - Another donor came forward and offered to match up to \$500 for donations made through the end of November. This was communicated through My School Anywhere and Facebook.
- Scholastic Book Fair
  - Dr. Bednarick was approached by a Scholastic representative about hosting a book fair at McKinley. The commitment is less than a typical elementary school. The amount of books is about ½ the volume. A benefit is that the teachers can get discounts on books

and they can create a wish list to request books from parents. **Anyone interested in helping with this should contact Dr. Bednarick.**

- Are there clubs that student can join now if they were in volleyball, soccer, etc.
  - Most clubs are year long commitments. There may be an opportunity to join math club or chess club.
  - Also there will be a talent show that they can participate in this spring.
  - What would be involved in creating a new club?
    - This would require a teacher sponsor or a certified parent volunteer. Teachers don't get paid to stay after school for clubs.
- Owana reminded the group that we are fundraising this year by collecting box tops and Coke points. There are apps that you use to collect these or you can drop them off in the office.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Reminder: there will not be a PTO meeting in December.