

## PTO Minutes – April 9, 2018

### Principal's Report

#### Testing Update

- MAP Testing starts next week for Middle School
- EOC started April 9th

Some upcoming events: Please see the letter from the principal that was sent home or the calendar on the McKinley website for more events

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade trip – April 13
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip – May 22
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion – May 23
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance – May 18

#### Facilities

- The library and auditorium will be re-carpeted week of April 23.
- The supply room off the library will be repainted by the district.
- Continuing to work on getting water fountains that will fill water bottles.
- There are plans to sand and refinish the main hallway over the summer break.
- The requests for improvements for the bathrooms have been submitted and they will continue working on it.

#### Communications

The school is purchasing big screen TVs for each floor to show messages for students from the school. This should help with some of the communication gaps.

#### Beautification

On Aug 4<sup>th</sup> beautification day Mr. Warmack would like to see work done on the “playground” where there is a “garden” that has become overrun by thorny bushes. Mr. Warmack would like to see the bushes cut out and railroad ties removed. Would use area for soccer, flag football, etc.

The PTO will discuss this and if there may be something we'd prefer to do given the thorns, potential weight of railroad ties, etc. It may be possible to clear this area using some PTO funds and then parents can help beautify another part of the school or grounds.

### Treasurer's Report

The April expenditures were for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade is for buses for upcoming field trips.

Currently not counting upcoming expenses we are at \$22k – will have to pay for yearbooks, additional field trip cost, etc. Although we didn't meet our fundraising goal, it still looks like we'll end the year in a good financial position.

## **Grade Reps**

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade fliers went out and as a reminder they are looking for chaperones for the field trip and dance.
- Movie social mainly attended by 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders and were well attended.

## **Yearbook Update**

- It was submitted to LifeTouch and will make sure that it comes out before school is out.
- There will be a yearbook club meeting after school next year and Missy Mason-Jones and Mandy Wallace will both be helping organize the club.

## **Teacher Appreciation Week**

- Still exploring different ideas for the week of May 7-11. The MS and HS share the responsibilities.
- "First Friday Breakfast" will still be May 4 as kick-off to Teacher Appreciation Week the following Monday - Thursday.
- Planning to encourage students/parents to write an email and/or card.
- Students can give the thank you cards to the guards at the security check in.

## **St Louis Equity Bridge**

Group looking at equity and racial division in the gifted magnet program. Looking for someone in the PTO group to attend and report back to us. Vicky Peck will be attending and Genyne Rideout will if her schedule allows. Meeting on 4/12 at 6:30 at Stix.

## **Discussion of After School Activities**

If you have interest in pursuing additional after-school activities, please share your ideas with Dr. Bednarick. Any additions would require parent involvement. The earlier that ideas are proposed, the more likely that something could be organized for the next school year.

## **Board Elections**

All approved unanimously. Officers and representatives for next year are:

- Chair: Lisa Granich-Kovarik
- Co-Chair: Sarah Custis
- Secretary: Genyne Rideout
- Treasurer: Ginger Lewis
- Parliamentarian: Nicole Colbert-Botchway
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Representatives: Ramya Balaji, Lisa Manzo-Preston, Jinal Doshi
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Representatives: Fred Darby, Mandy Wallace
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Representatives: Keica Smart

The next PTO meeting will be in September. The PTO officers will be meeting in May so if you have any topics you want addressed please let us know.

## **Volunteer Appreciation**

Thank you to all volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you!