

McKinley CJA PTO Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2024

- **6:30pm - Meeting Begins**
- **PTO members:**
 - Eleanor White – President
 - Crystal Lynn Brown – Vice President
 - Terri Green – Treasurer
 - Krista Bohler – Secretary
 - Rebecca Sparkles and Samantha Fisher - Fundraising co-chairs
 - Jessica Shatto – Yearbook and Cashback Programs
 - Aryn Rehbein – High School Representative
 - Shannon Bailey – 6th grade Representative
 - Elizabeth Allen – 7th grade Representative
 - Amelia Garcia and Lyndsay Roy – 8th grade Representatives
 - Amanda Doyle – Teacher Appreciation
 - Johnni Gillespie – DEI
 - PTO members present: Dr Haymore, Eleanor White, Lynn Brown, Krista Bohler, Jessica Shatto, Aryn Rehbein, Elizabeth Allen, Amelia Garcia, Amanda Doyle
 - Total present = ~18
- **Administration/Staff Updates**
 - Update from Dr Haymore:
 - Approved Field trip list will be sent to Eleanor
 - Previous/Upcoming trips
 - French field trip, Busch center, Neubling Choir field trip, Multiple Senior field trips, Shaw Nature Reserve, Federal Reserve Bank, SeMo – 9th grade, Six Flags – Seniors, Wash U
 - 7th and 8th grade - Need funding for field trips!
 - Teen Town
 - Possible date = April 26th – in planning/approval process
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Field Day – May 20th
 - High school AM and Middle school PM
 - Admin proposes these activities, need PTO help with funding:
 - Portable video game truck
 - Step and Repeat (photos)*
 - Ice Cream truck*
 - Competitive Races (stack race, 3-legged race, water race, BB tournament)
 - medals for races*
 - ***PTO help requested – call for volunteers!**
 - **Get in touch with Ms Stortzum**
 - 8th grade
 - Dance May 22nd
 - Graduation May 23rd
 - Admin checking on the field trip to Swing-Around Fun Town
 - 8th grade president had proposed field trip to Ms Stortzum and Mr Barbier – Amelia Garcia will follow-up
 - Question about Advisory period set-up
 - Dr Haymore confirmed: Advisory is 30 min at the beginning of the day – same group in same classroom/check-in with adult on Mondays and Fridays
 - Students can contact the counselor if they need anything or need resources
 - This setup helps avoid taking away instructional time

- Upcoming Events (for any clarification/confirmation, please contact administration)
 - 3/26 – Science Fair, Mr Stuckey
 - 5/22 - 8th grade dance
 - 5/23 - 8th grade promotion
 - Fundraiser for FBLA open until 3/15
 - <https://s.dgpopup.com/00f1y8oa>
 - Stay updated - check the school website:
 - [McKinley Classical Leadership Academy / Homepage \(slps.org\)](https://www.slps.org/Page/10294#calendar152972/20231009/month)
 - On the link you will see “McKinley Classical Leadership Academy Middle and High School”
 - School Calendar: <https://www.slps.org/Page/10294#calendar152972/20231009/month>
- **Budget/Treasurer’s Report**
 - Review of Middle School and High School 2023-24 PTO budgets
 - Treasurer not present
 - Budget spreadsheet shared
 - Teacher Grants – sign up form was updated
 - Received a request from Mr Lews for Art supplies
- **Fundraising**
 - Committee members not present
 - Spirit Shop is a small fundraiser
 - Tiny Little Monster store is open! Closes March 18th
 - Link on FB, sent via PTO email, info on TV monitors at school
 - [Home | McKinley Middle \(inksoft.com\)](https://www.inksoft.com)
 - Thank you to Jessica Shasserre and Erin Maloney
- **General Updates:**
 - PTO Board
 - Interested in being on the PTO? Board elections upcoming for 2024-25 school year
 - Will discuss in future meetings if the MS and HS Combined board should continue
 - DEI inclusion to executive board/amend the bylaws
- **Volunteer Opportunities**
 - PTO Board for 2024-25 school year
 - Volunteer for Field Trips, Field Day, Dances, etc!
 - Need to be an Approved Volunteer
 - Volunteer Approval now online
 - The process is now online: [Nimble \(hirenimble.com\)](https://www.hirenimble.com)
 - Check volunteer status by emailing program director: Rommel.Jackson@slps.org
 - Teacher Appreciation
 - First Friday Breakfasts
 - Next Date is April 5th
 - Sign up Genius will be sent
 - Feedback – the staff enjoys breakfast burritos, egg dishes, hashbrown casseroles, French toast dishes, oatmeal bar, pancake bar
 - There are several GF and vegan/vegetarian teachers
 - Listing ingredients is appreciated
 - May 6-10 Teacher Appreciation week
 - Will do a catered lunch, gift for teachers, Popcorn/Candy buffet, etc
 - Share ideas! Sent to PTO or Amanda Doyle
 - Snacks for Teachers Lounge
 - Bring to the office anytime!
 - Grab-and-go bags of Chips, Crackers, Granola Bars, etc
 - Beautification Day TBD!

- Oana Dimofte lead
 - Plant Spring Flowers, Mulch Delivery, etc
 - Street Repair tickets logged with
 - Oana will partner with admin to scheduled
 - Spirit Wear
 - Library Organization
 - Functional library coming soon!
 - Dr Polkinghorne is working on a modern library with work and study space for students
 - Podcasting space possibly reopen
 - Library staff – coming in the future!
 - Academic Fair
 - Yearbook – Send in your photos! Middle school yearbook is done by a parent volunteer, there are not photographers at events. If no pictures are sent in, there won't be any pictures in the yearbook of an activity/event. Kids can also send their photos! Looking for school candid, photos of McKinley clubs, McKinley sports, etc
 - MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - mcja.yearbook@gmail.com
 - <https://photos.app.goo.gl/8F5cv6zN9qdRJqWz5>
 - HIGH SCHOOL
 - rebecca.simpson@slps.org
- **Questions/Info**
 - Sign up link in Membership Toolkit!
 - https://mckinleycjapto.membershiptoolkit.com/sign_ups
 - PTO emails will go to those registered in Membership Toolkit
- **7:46pm - Meeting Adjourned**
- **Important Dates and upcoming information**
 - McKinley Calendar: <https://www.slps.org/Page/10294#calendar152972/20231009/month>
 - District Calendar: [Calendar / 2023-2024 District Calendar \(slps.org\)](#)
 - March 15th – no school
 - March 18th – 22nd – District Closed (Spring Break)
 - March 26th – Stem Fair (12-2pm)
 - March 28th – Senior Pictures
 - April 5th – First Friday Breakfast for Staff
 - April 8th – PTO Meeting
 - April 19th – Prom
 - May 23rd – Last Day of School
 - Culture night – tentatively moving to next year