

McKinley CJA PTO Meeting Minutes

DECEMBER 9, 2024

- **Welcome – 6:30pm**

- PTO officers present: Eleanor White, Terri Green, Krista Bohler, Jessica Schunke
- Admin present: Dr Haymore
- Total present: ~12

- **Admin Updates**

- Update from McKinley admin – Dr Haymore
 - ID policy – Students should be wearing IDs so they can be seen. This is a district safety policy. It is not a new policy, they are enforcing current expectations.
 - Finals – HS will have finals going on up to the last day before Winter Break, schedule was sent out in the newsletter this week.
 - Door Decorating Contest is happening throughout the building
 - Students can audition for the Black History performance coming up in February
 - Question from 6th grade parent about grades and finals for middle schoolers
 - There is no district-wide grading method, it is normally the average grade from the 2 quarters which make up the semester; this is the method in HS as well
 - There is no expectation for finals in middle school, teachers may have assessments but that is up to each individual teacher/class. No changes in schedule for middle school for next week.
 - 2025 Admissions
 - HS Seats are all assigned, there is a growing wait list
 - MS placements are made by district, not school, but likely also full with waiting list
 - Newsletter may have included outdated QR codes for PTO – Dr Haymore will get correct codes from Dr. Polkinghorne and share w/ families
 - Praise from parents for Mr. Klocke as Sports Director – excellent communication!
 - Question from 8th grade parent – What are special plans for the 8th grade end of year?
 - Dr Haymore will follow-up with the 8th grade team
 - PTO budgets for an end of year celebration (last year was Swing Around Fun Town, for example)
 - Admin will survey the students for ideas on what they'd like to do at EOY
 - Typically 8th grade dance also takes place EOY

- **Discussion**

- Vote on adding language for a minimum quorum to the bylaws, minimum of 9 members present
 - Vote passed and bylaws will be updated

- **Budget/Treasurer's Report**

- Update from Treasurer and Budget info
 - We are nearly 60% to fundraising goal
 - Goal of \$25K
 - Raised ~\$15K to date
 - Teachers can request funds/grants via the Google Doc
 - \$2000 budgeted for teacher grants, PTO has spent \$200 to date
 - PE teacher requested funds for equipment for class and HS sports
 - Previously approved \$200
 - Vote on add'l request of \$275 was approved
 - Fall Sports Pizza Party – earmarked \$200, but not yet paid out for Mr Klocke
 - Science Team – 4 teachers combined to request \$800 in equipment \$800
 - Vote on request was approved
 - Fundraising – up to ~\$15K
 - Bud's Pizza fundraiser in January
 - Terri will check on Golden Hoosier fundraiser proceeds

- **Important Dates**

- Grade specific and other social meet-ups
 - Ice-skating at Steinberg
 - Tentatively reserved Sat. 1/11 10-11:00am for annual skating event (just McKinley community will have access for the 1st hour, attendees can stay later if they want to)
 - \$600 price rate for unlimited skaters
 - Last year we also used this event as a final push to encourage parents to donate toward our annual fund
 - All MS and HS kids are invited – add'l family members are asked to pay \$5
 - Flyers, online forms will be distributed to advertise the event
 - Will ask for parent volunteers to check people in, etc
 - Vote approved to move forward with the event
 - Spring Teen Town will be held in March
 - Class reps can plan outside of school activities for each grade level
- Upcoming events/Important Dates
 - December
 - 12/10 – Winter Band Concert
 - 12/17 – Winter Choir Concert
 - 12/18 – Bagel Breakfast for the Staff from Teacher Appreciation Committee – thank you!
 - 12/17-20 – Finals week (1/2 days for HS Students)
 - HS Students will dismiss at 10:30am
 - 12/20 – End of Q2 and 1st Semester
 - 12/23 - Winter Break begins
 - January
 - 1/6 – Q3 Begins/Students Return
 - 1/11 – Ice Skating at Steinberg
 - 1/13 – January PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm
 - 1/28 – PTO Fundraiser at Bud's Pizza

- **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Open PTO positions for 2024-25 school year
 - Vice President
 - Beautification Chair
 - DEI Chair
- Teacher Appreciation donations
 - First Friday Breakfast/Lunch
 - Snacks for Teachers Lounge
 - Teacher Appreciation week
- Chaperones for field trips and school events:
 - Become an Approved Volunteer!
 - The process is now online: [Nimble \(hirenimble.com\)](https://www.hirenimble.com)
 - Check volunteer status by emailing program director: Rommel.Jackson@slps.org
- Middle School Yearbook Photos
 - Send in your photos from school related events to mcja.yearbook@gmail.com

- **Important Dates and upcoming information**

- McKinley Calendar: <https://www.slps.org/Page/10294#calendar152972/20231009/month>
- District Calendar: [SLPS 2024-25 Student and Family Calendar English.pdf](#)

- **Communication**

- Sign up for Membership Toolkit
 - Membership Toolkit is the site the PTO uses for our school directory
 - [McKinley CJA PTO - Home Page \(membershiptoolkit.com\)](#)

- Join HS or MS Facebook pages, or grade specific pages
 - MS: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/214650668582110/>
 - HS: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MCLAHSParents/>

● **7:18pm - Meeting Adjourned**

| McKinley CJA PTO 2024-25 | Starting Balance (7/1/2024) | | \$ 21,213.07 |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| INCOME | Fundraising Goal (75%) | Over Budget | YTD Totals |
| Fund Drive (direct to PTO) | \$ 25,000.00 | | \$ 13,915.00 |
| Fundraiser | | | \$ 250.00 |
| Yearbook ads | | | \$ - |
| Spirit Wear Proceeds | | | \$ 155.45 |
| Coca-Cola Gives | | | \$ - |
| Box Tops/eScrips | | | \$ - |
| Interest Earned | | | \$ - |
| Total Income | \$ 21,675.00 | \$ (7,354.55) | \$ 14,320.45 |
| EXPENSES | Budget* | Remaining | YTD Totals |
| Class of 2022 (8th grade) | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ - |
| Class of 2023 (7th grade) | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ - |
| Class of 2024 (6th grade) | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 1,899.78 | \$ 100.22 |
| Class of 2024 (12th grade) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Class of 2025 (11th grade) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Class of 2026 (10th grade) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Class of 2027 (9th grade) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Enrichment - All Grades | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 156.05 | \$ 1,343.95 |
| Student Recognition | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ - |
| Teacher appreciation | \$ 1,750.00 | \$ 1,530.22 | \$ 219.78 |
| Diversity & Inclusion | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Beautification | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ - |
| Yearbooks | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ - |
| Teacher/Classroom grants | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 1,803.84 | \$ 196.16 |
| PTO expenses | \$ 725.00 | \$ 707.00 | \$ 18.00 |
| Club Teacher Stipends | \$ 1,300.00 | \$ 1,300.00 | \$ - |
| At Risk Student/Family Support | \$ 1,200.00 | \$ 976.36 | \$ 223.64 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 21,475.00 | \$ 19,373.25 | \$ 2,101.75 |