

## McKinley CJA PTO Meeting Minutes

May 13, 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
  - Aryn Rehbein – High School Representative
  - Shannon Bailey – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Representative
  - Elizabeth Allen – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Representative
  - Amelia Garcia and Lyndsay Roy – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Representatives
  - Amanda Doyle – Teacher Appreciation
  - Johnni Gillespie – DEI
  - Oana Dimofte - Beautification
    - PTO members present: Eleanor White, Lynn Broan, Terri Green, Krista Bohler, Jessica Shatto, Aryn Rehbein, Shannon Bailey, Elizabeth Allen, Amelia Garcia, Amanda Doyle, Dr Haymore
    - Total present = ~18
- **Administration/Staff Updates**
  - Administration:
    - 8<sup>th</sup> grade – great field trip!
    - Teen Town – went well!
    - Field Day switched from 20<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of May (due to exam schedule)
      - HS 10-11am
      - MS 11:30-12:30pm
      - Kona Ice arrival – time ETA
      - Tickets – admin will coordinate
    - Correct time for 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance is 6pm
    - Future Teen Town Dates
      - Oct 10, 2024 (same time 2:05 – parent pick-up @ 4:45-5pm)
        - Completing first quarter celebration
        - Possible pumpkin Carving Theme
        - Sprit Week leading up to Teen Town
      - March 28, 2025 (same time)
        - After Spring Break
      - Parameters for students to be allowed to participate (it's a privilege)
      - More Chips!
    - McKinley New Student Welcome Event
      - Saturday prior to school start (Aug 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>)
      - Request to keep MS and HS separate (same day, diff times or 2 separate days); so each gets a unique experience
      - For new 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students
    - NJHS
      - Induction will happen in the fall of 2024
      - Just held elections for next fall
      - Question about NHS for HS?
        - It is in place for HS! Eligible starting Sophomore year, Grades from Freshman year are considered
    - Congratulations to the McKinley Band, Choir, and Chess team – all won trophies!

- Question about SLPS recognition for these achievements?
    - Dr Haymore – we should communicate with the SLPS publicist
    - Tell Dr Haymore if there is a McKinley achievement you feel should receive recognition
  - Chess Club
    - McKinley has rekindled a relationship with St Louis Chess Club
      - 7<sup>th</sup> grade Health class – will learn chess
      - Currently working on details to schedule with Grand Master
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance
    - 6-8pm
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion on 5/23
  - Band Concert
    - Wednesday and Thursday this week (5/15-16)
  - High School Graduation
    - May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm at the Sheldon
  - Summer – PTO board can meet Dr Haymore week of 5/27 to discuss 2024-25 school year
  - Admin expressed thank you for Teacher Appreciation week and all support
    - Thank you to Amanda Doyle!
  - Dr Haymore – intends to return next year as principal!
- **PTO Board - 2024-25**
  - Board nominations for 2024-25 school year
    - Eleanor White – President
    - Lynn Brown - Vice President
    - Terri Green - Treasurer
    - Krista Bohler – Secretary
    - Parliamentarian - open
    - Jen Garcia – Fundraising Chair
    - Jessica Shatto – Yearbook
    - Aryn Rehbein – HS Rep
    - Class reps
      - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Amelia Garcia
      - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Shannon Bailey
      - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Elizabeth Allen
    - DEIB Chair - Johnni Gillespie
    - Teacher Appreciation committee – need a new volunteer
      - Amanda will provide 1 pager to help
      - Ms Stortzum will be liaison to help also
    - Oana Dimofte – TBD for Beautification Committee
  - Discussion about MS and HS boards combining
    - Treasurer – keeping separate notes for MS vs HS, splitting costs for all school events is challenging
    - Would be easier for financial purposes if they had the same bank account
    - Noted different levels of involvement and different needs from MS vs HS families
    - Vote to combine - approved
  - Discussion about DEI inclusion to executive board/amend the bylaws
    - Vote – approved
    - Lynn will follow-up on the needed amendments to bylaws
  - In 2024-25 – plan is to schedule out meeting calendar early for clear view of upcoming events and recurring activities
  - Mailbox in the office needs to be checked/emptied
    - Terri will get the mail
  - Spirit Shop – look into reopening for the summer (email sent to previous volunteers).

- **Budget/Treasurer's Report**
  - Review of Middle School and High School 2023-24 PTO budgets
    - Some outgoing funds pending for EOY activities
    - Club teacher stipends
      - Terri will get Target gift cards
  
- **Fundraising**
  - Possibly re-open Spirit Shop for Summer
  - Start fundraising earlier in the upcoming school year
  
- **Volunteer Opportunities**
  - Open PTO positions for 2024-25 school year
    - Parliamentarian
    - Teacher Appreciation Chair or Committee
    - Beautification Chair or Committee
  - Finalize your Volunteer Approval to be ready for 2024-25
    - Volunteer Approval now online: [Nimble \(hirenimble.com\)](https://hirenimble.com)
    - Check volunteer status by emailing program director: [Rommel.Jackson@slps.org](mailto:Rommel.Jackson@slps.org)
    - Must renew every 2 years
  - Teacher Appreciation
    - Donate Snacks for Teachers Lounge
      - Bring into the Main Office
      - Grab-and-go bags of Chips, Crackers, Granola Bars, etc
  - Library Organization
    - Lynn will send update for summer volunteer info
  
- **Questions/Info**
  - Sign up link in Membership Toolkit!
    - [https://mckinleycjapto.membershiptoolkit.com/sign\\_ups](https://mckinleycjapto.membershiptoolkit.com/sign_ups)
    - PTO emails will go to those registered in Membership Toolkit
  
- **7:22pm - 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 \(slps.org\)](#)
  - May 17<sup>th</sup> – McKinley Field Day
  - May 20<sup>th</sup> – High School Graduation
  - May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance
  - May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion
  - May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Last Day of School!