

## McKinley PTO Meeting Agenda & Minutes December 12, 2022

Meeting Start: 6:32 PM

### Principal's Update

- Wellness Day before Thanksgiving break went great.
- **Important: Masks will be heavily encouraged to be worn after the winter break to avoid a spike in sicknesses**
- Lost and Found is **OVERFLOWING!** Have your kids look ASAP because they will be donating it again.
- Choir concert last week and band on tomorrow
- National Jr Honor Society
  - Jan 5 apps will be available through January 31. This is a hard deadline but giving a lot of time to get this prepped.
  - Ceremony will be later in the spring
  - Last year, the eligibility for the Academic pillar of NJHS was a 3.5 GPA (per quarter grades).
- Athletics -
  - 3 teams won the middle school league with the fourth making it to finals
  - Boys and girls basketball teams played this Saturday with a win for both teams!
  - Really try to come out and support the teams!
- Winter Break
  - December 21st - January 3, 2023
- Spirit Week
  - MS student council putting on a spirit week with flyers around the school
  - Parents have generously donated prizes for the scavenger hunt.
  - They would love more donations especially gift cards
- Hired a new instructional coordinator. Did offer a position to an internal candidate which will leave a vacancy for a subject. Dr. Holloway is working with the recruitment team to look for recent college graduates who can do a January start date.
- High School
  - Record breaking applications for the HS. Over 300 apps - higher quality pool of candidates
- The Office of Gifted and Talented is being revamped at the district level. Principals at the gifted schools are meeting weekly to make sure they are providing input
- Field Trips
  - Jeff City trip for 7th graders
  - Spanish field trip
  - Pushing to get those scheduled asap
- Teen Town/Valentine's Day
  - February 16th
  - Will need parent volunteers

## UPDATED MCKINLEY CALENDAR

<https://www.slps.org/cms/lib/M001001157/Centricity/Domain/3164/MCK%20Yearly%20Calendar%2022-2023.pdf>

### Executive Updates

- Ping Pong Tables were delivered - Thanks to Denise for donating the cost of renting pick up truck.
- Steinberg Event
  - All the Sundays available in January from 10:00 -11:00 AM (Private hour for McKinley kids + then open skate) -Will set up a poll for the 15th, 22 and 29th.
  - \$12 a person which includes skate rental (normally \$10 just for admission)
  - Students would be free but we need to figure out charges for parents, other siblings - suggested idea is free for the students + \$10 for guests
  - Might need to a QR code and get a cash box
  - Last year we did a google form with name and emergency contact - Eleanor will update for this year
- 8th Grade won the competition and Jessica will work with Dr. Holloway to get a celebration for them.
- Yearbook - Mr. Lewis's advanced art class is finishing up the cover. NEED PICTURES!

### Meeting Adjourned - 7:13 PM

### Exec Board Meeting 12/13/2022

#### Dr. Holloway

- 8th grade field trip - Jennifer has been looking for a volunteer for the big trip but no one has stepped in to assist
  - Dr. Holloway is going to try to find some teachers to take this on
  - \$10K budget
  - Camp Manitowa - \$8K for an overnight and all the activities, etc - Dr. Holloway says that the district could pay for the school bus
    - Could also include a visit to to SIUE or SIUC or Cahokia
- Chair - 7th grade parents to help with the 8th grade promotion (school paid for flowers and reception and pto paid for programs) -an idea was brought up about having the graduation ceremony outside the school with a reception) and a chair for the 8th grade dance.
- 8th grade field trips - still thinking about zoo (school will pay for the bus) or swing around fun town
- Kids loved the bounce houses last year
- Thinking of a middle school award ceremony - looking for a date and might ask for help with trophies, etc.
- T-shirts - 6th graders designed with their art project and PTO paid for it. 2 years ago we did 7th and 8th because they had additional funds. Might be options to have Tiny Monster to do the shirts

- New furniture is coming in - desks/chairs, etc. Dr. Holloway will need parents to sign up to help. Good opportunity for service hours.
- Teen Town/Valentine's Dance - February 16th - want to duplicate the event as last year. 2:30 - 5:30 PM is the time frame. Chris Althen volunteered previously so checking to see if he can do it again. We need parent volunteers. Mr. Lischwe can send the list of approved volunteers. PTO will provide pizza

### **Denise LeBegue**

- Adopt a student who suffered a bad car accident
- Send Dr. Holloway an email for introduction to the school counselor to help support in any way. Grocery cards were a huge help right for the holidays
- Stipends for clubs - we need a list of teachers so we can figure out how much we have and what we can provide to them. Dr. Holloway will also put the hours a week they commit. Most likely 6 teachers.
- Two teachers are getting paid to stay after school to do study hall - it would be great to have incentives for kids to do well in study hall.
- Starting up with student of the month - get t-shirts for them
- Just got back the survey results and Dr. Holloway wants to have a town hall meeting for both MS and HS to discuss results and plan for the future - looking at March

### **Next Board Meeting**

Tuesday, January 17th - 4:30 PM

### **Next PTO Meeting**

**Monday, January 23, 2023**

January McKinley PTO meeting 6:30-7:30 Monday, January 23, 2023

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ktm-hrmz-fpj>

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