

McKinley Middle School PTO September Meeting Notes - 9/14/20

Via Zoom

Executive Committee Members Present:

Colette Edson, Chair
Arinola Solanke - Vice Chair
Jocelyn Hawthorne - Parliamentarian
Jennifer Anania - Treasurer
Sarah Custis - Fundraising Chair
Eleanor White, Secretary

Other parents present: Not recorded, but approximately 20

School officials present: Principal King, Assistant Principal Lischwe

Notes: Eleanor

1. Call to order - Jocelyn Hawthorne
2. Intros and welcome
 - a. Grade level reps:
 - i. 6th grade reps - Sara Vora & OPEN
 - ii. 7th - Lisa Kovank & OPEN
 - iii. Jinal Doshi & Lisa Manso-Preston
 - b. Other committees:
 - i. Teacher Appreciation: Tiffany Tibbs, Grace Kivindyo
 - ii. Beautification - Molly Kobbe
 - iii. Diversity - Michele Coleman
3. Membership Toolkit - please sign up!
 - a. Purposes:
 - i. Contact other parents/buzzbook
 - ii. Participate in events (in person or virtual)
 - iii. Sign up to volunteer
 - iv. Buy school swag (coming soon)
 - v. Get notifications from the PTO
 - b. Already a member? Log in to update your info
 - c. Not a member? Sign up at: <https://mckinleycjapto.membershiptoolkit.com/home>
 - d. Colette asks grade level leaders to encourage families to sign up/update
4. Principal's Report from Ms. King & Mr. Lischwe
 - a. Technology:
 - i. iPads have been distributed to all who needed
 1. If yours breaks, etc., notify the school and they can request more from district
 - ii. Hotspots also available

- b. 2019-20 Yearbooks - gave extras to Ms. Mason to distribute to students outside of school
 - c. Supplies boxes - if people didn't pick them up, they can come during school hours to collect them.
 - d. Progress reports - coming this week.
 - e. Parent conferences - format still to be determined
 - f. A parent requested clarification on forms of assessment currently happening. Ms. King indicated teachers are giving quizzes regarding their subject matter, as well as Renaissance grade level assessments, and teachers should be explaining to students the difference between them. Students/parents should not be stressing over grade level assessments!
 - g. Smartboard purchasing update - the order is held up pending a glitch in the SLPS purchasing process.
 - h. Choir teacher - new teacher, Ms. Neubling, started work in the building today. Choir students should see that classes are set up in Teams and ready to begin instruction.
 - i. District staffing - custodian and landscape crew staffing shortages - are trying to concentrate current staff at instructional centers, so only 2 custodians in the McKinley building currently.
 - j. Teacher morale - Ms. King reports teachers are hanging in there and report to her that they're doing fine. Has worked to keep morale up with snacks, t-shirts, etc.
 - i. Mr. Lischwe encourages parents to send positive feedback to teachers
 - ii. Previously SLPS Foundation offered gift cards/awards to teachers nominated for excellence by parents - that program is not going yet this year.
 - k. Parent training for Teams and other platforms? - the school has several tutorials for students/parents on their website, and SLPS has others. If you have a tutorial to suggest, send to Mr. Lischwe (nathaniel.lischwe@slps.org)
 - i. SLPS Teams tutorials: <https://www.slps.org/Page/63257>
 - ii. McKinley virtual learning directory: <https://www.slps.org/Page/59460>
 - iii. McKinley Teams tutorial: <https://www.slps.org/Page/59206>
 - iv. Alternately, ask the teacher for clarification if you need help
5. Budget for 2020-21 - Jennifer Anania
- a. Budget handout
 - b. Allocating less per grade based on fewer events
 - c. Adding \$2000 for "virtual enrichment" for all, to include virtual social gatherings, clubs, etc.
 - d. Budget includes alternate budget if PTO only makes 75% of fundraising goal
 - e. Donations:
 - i. Can be made by check or through SLPS Foundation
 - 1. <https://slpsfoundation.org/donate/>

2. If donating through Foundation website, specify code 860 for McKinley Middle School and notify PTO of donation so they can follow up.

f. Budget approved unanimously

6. Extracurriculars
 - a. Heart & Sole - 11 girls have registered. Begins this week - 1 spot remaining
 - b. YMCA programs begin this week - free
 - i. [Community Development - starts tomorrow!](#)
 - ii. [TedEd Student Clubs - October 5](#)
 - c. Springboard - 2 programs will be offered. PTO to determine level of subsidizing.
 - d. Mr. Lischwe working w/ teacher to determine school-led afterschool virtual programs
 - e. YMCA - offers free tutoring for students 1 or more grade levels behind in math/ELA Available Resource: YMCA tutoring in Math and Reading (likely free)
 - i. Reading [Y Reading Tutoring](#)
 - ii. Math [Y Math Tutoring](#)
7. School Store
 - a. People interested in purchasing:
 - i. Sweatshirts (hoodies, zip up?)
 - ii. Long/short sleeved t-shirts, including women's cuts (V-neck)
 - iii. Hats
 - iv. Masks
 - v. Lanyards
 - vi. Water bottles
 - vii. Scarves
 - b. Not so interested in:
 - i. Yard signs
8. Other business/questions/concerns?
 - a. Can meetings be recorded? Would this be helpful?
 - i. Addie Bond says she can work to set this up for next meeting.
9. Adjournment