

McKinley Middle School PTO Special Session Meeting Notes – 8/24/20

Via Zoom

Executive Committee Members Present:

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

Other parents present: Not recorded, but approximately 65

School officials present: Principal King, Assistant Principal Lischwe

Notes: Eleanor

1. Call to order
2. Intros and welcome
3. Membership Toolkit - please sign up!
4. Principal's Report from Ms. King
 - a. Intro of new middle school assistant principal - Nate Lischwe
 - i. Formerly math teacher at Sumner, Busch Academy
 - b. Tech/supply pick up later this week
 - i. See schedule in email sent today
 - ii. District only has 70% of tech for students, so please come get if needed, but if not, please wait for second or third wave
 - iii. All families should come to get goodie boxes, ensure they're signed up for things, etc, even if they don't need tech
 - c. Virtual meet-the-teachers/orientation - this Friday
 - d. Food
 - i. Food is being provided on Mondays
 1. Students can pick up at any feeding location using the last 6 digits of their student ID (found on SIS). Contact office if you need help.
 - e. Electives, schedules
 - i. Schedules are done, but are not showing up in Tyler SIS - tech support is investigating
 1. PTO suggests notifying parents when schedules are up
 - ii. Some electives are still up in the air - need to hire choir teacher
 - iii. More info on electives and schedules at Friday's virtual orientations
5. Review of PTO objectives
 - a. Support covid needs for in-person/distance learning
 - b. Special fund drive for Promethean Boards
 - c. Positive, effective communication with School Leadership Team

- d. Coordination with the staff for virtual extracurricular opportunities
 - e. Coordination with the staff for online school store for McKinley spiritwear, etc.
 - f. Promote community building in creative ways
6. Fund drive for Promethean Boards
- a. Can buy 6 more with parent donations - raised \$7500
 - b. 104 people donated amounts between \$10-\$500
 - c. Need to vote for matching \$7500 for Promethean board
 - i. Motion to approve \$7500 for boards
 - 1. Approved by unanimous vote
7. Review of account balances: Jennifer
- a. Total cash balance is \$35000
 - i. Have to keep \$3000 minimum balance
 - ii. \$5000 outstanding for yearbooks
 - b. Last year under budget \$16000 due to yearbooks and lack of end of year field trips and events from 2019-20.
 - c. Typical year has \$23000 in account, so are in strong position to start the year
 - d. Will also do annual fund drive starting in September
8. Extracurriculars - Lisa Dorner
- a. Springboard for Learning - has partnership w/ SLPS to allow them to do afterschool programming for students
 - i. Last year did drama club: "Read, Write, Act"
 - 1. Continued as virtual in spring
 - ii. This year have built out virtual learning
 - iii. Survey parents on student interest in Springboard offerings?
 - iv. Last year charged \$25/student for 8 week program w/ scholarships available, and PTO subsidized - total of about ½ of cost - \$625
 - v. Lisa creating Google survey to determine parent/student interest areas
 - b. COCA also interested in offering extracurriculars
 - c. Heart & Soul - middle school version of Girls on the Run
 - i. Trisha Moyer, McKinley parent, will coach virtually
 - ii. 8 weeks starting Sept. 12
 - d. YMCA programming - free programs
 - i. TED-X for middle school - develop and present a talk
 - ii. Work for 8 weeks w/ local legislator and develop project to help community
 - iii. Fitness-oriented something TBD
 - iv. Free tutoring in math or English, but only for kids who are a grade level behind in that subject based on testing
 - e. Many parents are interested in offering their own clubs, but can't do it unless run by SLPS staff member or approved organization.
9. Next meeting 9/14/20
10. Adjourn special session