

## PTO Agenda - March 27, 2023

Meeting Started: 6:34 PM

1. 1. Principal update - 8th grade trip, other end of year field trips/activities, MAP testing, etc.
  - a. MAP Dates - April 17th - May 12th Math tests are based on a student's level. Makeups are May 15 - May 19th but there is flexibility to avoid the field trip dates. Students could take a make up earlier. A one-pager will go out with MAP dates + field trip dates.
  - b. Teen Town was a smashing success. It was great to have parents volunteering again.
  - c. Band is headed to Disney on Wednesday! We wish them the best of luck.
  - d. Staffing - will get an update about the Social Studies position by the end of the week from HR. There is a consistent sub in the class which is not perfect but is better than a rotating sub. Science positions are posted and there are already people reaching out for this fall which put McK in a good place for a prime candidate. French teacher is re-retiring this year but there are already a couple candidates in the pipeline. No other middle school teacher has shared that they will not be returning.
  - e. Dr. Kesselring (HS Science) is teacher of the year and is going on to the next level of the nomination.
  - f. Furniture has been updated in a quite a few classrooms (flexible seating + white boards)
  - g. Gate is fixed and ceiling tiles are being replaced.
  - h. Weight Room - the room we wanted was full of storage but it is now getting cleaned out.
  - i. MAP scores show significant growth in our most vulnerable populations; above average on the subject matters; MAP testing scores is an aggregate of MS and HS; significant growth in ELA scores year over year; Math wasn't as high but that is reflective of the nation's scores after the pandemic.
  - j. Important Dates:
    - i. 6&7th grade combined trip - May 19th
    - ii. 8th grade - May 18 & 19th
    - iii. Field Day - May 17th
  - k. Encourage students to stay strong and focused for the last two months
  - l. Spring sports schedules will be posted this week
  - m. Middle School summer school will be at Carnahan this year. McKinley will host summer school but it will be for other grades. [Meghan.Joshi@slps.org](mailto:Meghan.Joshi@slps.org)

- n. Middle School - If your student wants to change electives (Spanish v French, etc) email Counselor Joshi for next year.
2. PTO leadership for next year - Nominations and voting for April meeting
- a. Positions (to be voted on):
    - i. Chair - OPEN
    - ii. Vice Chair - OPEN
    - iii. Treasurer/Fundraising - OPEN
      - 1. Technically one position
      - 2. Has been broken into two roles for the last 3 years
    - iv. Secretary - OPEN
    - v. Parliamentarian - OPEN
  - b. Other available positions (non-voting):
    - i. Grade level reps - TBD
    - ii. Yearbook - Jessica Shatto will take this on again next year
    - iii. Teacher Appreciation Chairs - Krista
    - iv. Beautification Committee revival?
    - v. Diversity/Equity/Inclusion Committee?
3. Possible discussion of merger w/ high school PTO??
- a. High School PTO - they are at a crossroads right now with PTO board members. For HS their main budget goals are teacher appreciation and grants. Pro - more connections, more volunteers, more resources. Con - how do we split the resources, limited contribution from parents financially.
  - b. Goal will be to talk/vote about the merger but we first need to get the input. Goal is to use a pulse survey to get feedback from the general community.
  - c. Jennifer is going to provide a draft from prior survey, to be edited by the PTO and approved by Dr. Holloway.
4. Any progress/next steps on becoming 501c3/nonprofit?
- a. Been filed - no response yet
  - b. It will require more record keeping
  - c. McKinley Classical Junior Academy PTO is our official name but it does not prevent us from raising money for the entire school (MS & HS)
  - d. Denise will put together a list of dates that need to be filed. We will get notifications to file as well.
  - e. Need a point of contact for documents, etc. going forward.

- f. We have a tax ID number and the next step is to talk to the bank. We do have a Federal and MO tax exempt ID.
5. Budget review/funding requests/etc
- a. Treasurer report -
    - i. Currently we have \$13067.51 in the bank and \$ 30,034.68 SLPS 43202.19 (10K is earmarked for 8th grade)
    - ii. Raised enough yearbook ads to off-set the cost of yearbooks!
  - b. Field Day (food and snowcones) and Bounce House (same package as last year 1 per day) - *(6-8th class budgets)*
  - c. Outdoor Basketball Hoop (the kids love this but someone came in a broke it over winter break) (Unanimous vote to approve up to \$800 of basketball goals)
  - d. 8th-grade promotion decorations *(already budgeted)*
  - e. Athletic and Award Ceremony Funding (purchase the medals, and trophies for MS) *(can use student recognition)*
6. Call for volunteers:
- a. 8th grade dance - set-up and chaperones still needed (5/23)
  - b. Graduation - need 7th grade parents to assist with planning and day-of

Adjourning: 7:52 PM