

# MCKINLEY THATCHER PTA MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** 09.11.2018  
**TIME:** 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM  
**LOCATION:** McKinley-Thatcher Library

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## I. ATTENDEES

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Mona Ahmed	Jason Kopecky	Julia Propokovych
Kaitlyn Carson	Stephen Kozicki	Ben Schumacher
Kate Delzell	Carissa Land	Barbara Silverstein
Allison Gleichman	Renee Martinez	Libby Sombati
Allison Hunter	Scott Lawrence	Michael Thompson

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## II. REPORTS

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### A. Vice President's Report – Stephen Kozicki:

Stephen Kozicki did not have anything to report.

### B. Treasurer Report - Scott Lawrence:

2018 – 2019 Beginning Balance (7/31):	\$16,864.42
2018 – 2019 Budgeted Income:	\$2,416.98
<u>2018 – 2019 Budgeted Expenses:</u>	<u>-\$122.22</u>
<b>2018 – 2019 Budgeted Ending Balance:</b>	<b>19,159.22</b>

A general budget was discussion ensued with many questions being asked. It was suggested that we consider creating a savings / carry-over fund.

### C. CSC Report – Allison Gleichman:

During the CSC meeting, new positions were voted on and approved:

Chairperson: Kaela Evans,

Secretary: Allison Gleichman

The role of the CSC and what the CSC does and does not do was reviewed and discussed.

The CSC discussed the idea of looking for a community member to join the CSC.

The student population was broadly reviewed; there are 9 more students enrolled than were originally projected by DPS in the spring, which equates to about 200 students now at the school.

The expansion and renovations plans were reviewed and explained.

### D. Principal's Report – Sonia Geerdes:

Sonia Geerdes was not able to attend.

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## III. AGENDA ITEMS

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### A. Review and Approve this year's PTA budget – Scott:

This year's PTA Budget (see treasurer's report) was approved by a vote of:

In Favor:	15
Opposed:	0

## **B. Sponsorship for School App (Barb for Ingrid Hoff)**

- Ingrid told Barb that she would reach out to Allison G. and Allison H. regarding the sponsorship level that should be associated with the app. Allison H. was confused because they had already talked a few weeks ago.

## **C. School Safety Concern and Inclusivity (Barb for Kristen Atkinson):**

- Kristen Atkinson was wondering there are any pro-active school activities that encourage good behavior considering the recent tragedy at another DPS school. Kristen wondered if the PTA could consider providing a book about diversity and inclusivity for every student. An active discussion on the topic ensued:
  - Barb was not sure that the PTA is the proper avenue for these school discussions.
  - Kaela Evans explained that the focus on social and emotional learning is in year 2 and is now part of the culture of the teachers' education.
  - The school, through the CSC, has been able to prioritize funding for full time psychologist, which is not typical for a school of McKinley Thatcher's size.
  - This year there is a goal to provide a monthly social and emotional learning newsletter.
  - Kaela said that Student Council will also have conversations about inclusivity and promote it in their mission.
  - There is a safe kid's hotline, but it may not be known by parents and students. Barb will discuss this with Sonia.
  - The PTA wondered if there could be a Social and Emotional Family night; Barb will discuss this with Sonia.
  - Mona Ahmed wondered if parents could have their own community support to learn from each other about social and emotional wellness and learning.
  - Another person wondered if elementary teachers have suicidal recognition training. Kaela Evans and Kaitlyn Carson responded that they don't have direct training in that field but related areas. Kaela said that she and the Psychologist have discussed the concept of trying to implement this kind of training.

## **D. Advocacy Requests (liquor store)**

- Barb wondered if the PTA should develop a policy around community advocacy, especially when it relates to school sponsors.
- In general, it was felt that the PTA should not necessarily provide community advocacy and take a position of neutrality unless it related to the PTA's mission.
- Allison Gleichman proposed that we develop a policy and we decided that we will do that.

## **E. Enrichment Updates**

- Discovery Link will charge all attendees through the school cares website. Barb will reach out to a few Discovery contacts to find out the logistics of implementing a process to provide subsidies.
- Enrichments sign up will begin on Sept 24 with the goal of starting Oct 8.
- Kaela and the staff will discuss teacher provided enrichments for the second semester.

## **F. Fundraising**

- Allison H. put together a comprehensive funding strategy sheet for review. And she also put together the business sponsorship flyer for review.

## **G. Update from the Lawrence Activities**

- Alise is working on the contact book.
- Scott is working on setting up a DU Hockey Night when there will be no school.

- Scott order more Sprouts and Target cards and he has Safeway cards.

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#### IV. EVENT COORDINATORS

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##### **All Year Coordinators**

Amazon Smile Coordinator	Alise Lawrence
Auction Committee	Allison Hunter and Allison Gleichman
Book Fairs	Barbara Silverstein
Box Tops	Harriet Carniero
Carnival Coordinator	Allison Gleichman and Allison Hunter + others
CSC-PTA Liaison	Allison Gleichman
Cultural Committee	Kaela Evans, Ingrid Hoff & Katie Millard
Destination Imagination	Sarah Clark – Ben’s interested in learning about it
DU Sporting Event Coordinator Night	Scott Lawrence
Fundraising Coordinators	Allison Hunter and Allison Gleichman
Garden Coordinator	Ben Schumacher
Membership Committee	<b>Jason Kopecky (10/1/18 &amp; 3/1/19 Deadlines)</b>
<b>Platt Park Parents Coordinator</b>	<b>Caitlin Kozicki?</b>
Playdate Coordinator	Allison Gleichman around choice time
Reading Is Fundamental	Barbara Silverstein
<b>Restaurant Nights</b>	<b>Caitlin Kozicki?</b>
Safeway, King Soopers, Sprouts Cards	Scott Lawrence
<b>Teacher Coffee Coordinator</b>	<b>Stacie Rudy?</b>
Yearbook	Jason Kopecky, Barbara Silverstein & Kaela Evans
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Legacy Project</b>	<b>?</b>

##### **September**

Contact <b>Book</b>	Alise Lawrence – reach out to Kaymen Triplet
Room Parent Coordinator	Alise Lawrence
Tee Shirt Coordinator	Stephen Kozicki
<b>Reflections Coordinator</b>	<b>Like a liberal arts competition?</b>

##### **October**

<b>Fall Dance Coordinator October</b>	<b>Dana and Monica</b> (Glow Dance theme?)
<b>National Walk to School Day (10.04.17)</b>	<b>T.B.D.</b>

##### **November**

Turkey Trot (November)	Karen Thomson and Alise Lawrence
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##### **January**

Science Night (01.11.18)	Sonia Geerdes
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##### **February**

<b>Chili Cook Off (February)</b>	<b>T.B.D.</b>
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##### **March**

Math Night	Sonia Geerdes
Cultural Night	Alise Lawrence and Kaela Evans

##### **May**

Bike to School (05.29.18)	Stacie Rudy and Karyn Pocernich
Teacher Appreciation	Barb Silverstein
5th Grade Continuation	Stacie Rudy

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## V. UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Sept 15 – Family Fitness and Fishing Day 11am Lily Pod / Wash Park
- Sept 24 – Sept 28 – Nothing Bundt Cakes fundraiser (yum!)
- Sept 28 – School Values Assembly – Kind and Considerate: 8:15am – 9am School Cafeteria
- Oct 4 – National Walk to School Day
- Oct 12 – Picture Day
- Oct 27 - Proposed Carnival (12 pm – 4 pm with each grade level responsible for an event)
- Dec 7 - Fall Dance?
- Mar 8 or Apr 12 – Auction – Aim toward the 12<sup>th</sup>