

MCKINLEY THATCHER PTA MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 10.09.2018
TIME: 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM
LOCATION: McKinley-Thatcher Library

I. ATTENDEES

Karen Current	Allison Gleichman	Julia Propokovych
Kate Delzell	Allison Hunter	Ben Schumacher
Kaela Evans	Jason Kopecky	Barbara Silverstein
Sarah Flannigan Silcott	Caitlin Kozicki	Michael Thompson
Sonia Geerdes	Stephen Kozicki	Marni Warren

II. REPORTS

A. Vice President's Report – Stephen Kozicki:

Stephen Kozicki did not have anything to report.

B. Treasurer Report - Scott Lawrence:

Scott Lawrence was not able to attend but notified the Officers that there were no significant changes in the account during the month of September.

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

C. CSC Report – Allison Gleichman:

- a. The CSC discussed the results of the parent survey from last spring. Over all the results from the survey were very positive. The discussion narrowed in on the areas that could be improved, one of which was increasing parent resources for supporting their child with workshops, training and classes. Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), math and reading were topics of focus.
- b. Additional opportunities to connect parents with their child's learning include family nights: Cultural Night, Family fitness night and an Art / Maker night, with the idea that students should incorporate project work in school -family events.
- c. The CSC also discussed inclusivity and what the school is doing which includes: Social & Emotional screening (for grades 3 – 5), the staff's School Culture Committee, training for all staff on training for suicide, self-harm and threats and, SAFE to tell explanations to the students.
- d. Next month some of the topics the CSC will discuss: homework expectations, SPF scores, expectations for Class Dojo.

D. Principal's Report – Sonia Geerdes:

Sonia explained that the plans for SEL night November 6th are being finalized. She distributed survey for topics of interest and reviewed the format for the evening. Pizza and Salad will be provided for families to enjoy with their children. Children have their own event, a puppeteer.

SPF scores are being released this week.

Sonia asked if there was a way to for the school to have a Next-Door account. Several members explained that its possible to have someone run an account using the school address and representing the school; Sarah Flannigan Silcott offered to setup and manage the account on behalf of the school.

The school addition is waiting for permits from the city. Its anticipated that we will receive the permit soon and begin construction in November.

E. Secretary Report- Membership Update

- a. The McKinley-Thatcher PTA submitted to the Colorado PTA, its membership application and the dues, which is based on the number of members. The total number of members at the time of the application, the current number of members was 58. In March, the PTA will require to update its membership to the PTA, so the membership numbers can grow throughout the year.
- b. A discussion ensued regarding how to increase the PTA membership and parent involvement. Kaela Evans wondered about using Free Book Friday as an opportunity to have conversations about PTA and getting involved with PTA. Others suggested having a PTA table. Kaela suggested casual conversations and Barb Silverstein wondered if we could just ask people if they have any concerns they want to the PTA to address. Other ideas included creating a PTA Bookmark, having PTA meetings at alternate locations, creating “pinch hitters” opportunities/roles for events when parents are concerned about a larger commitment, a “behind the scenes” opportunity for people who don’t like meetings and, a coffee and Duffey Roll PTA update before school assemblies.

III. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Parent Teacher conferences / Teacher Appreciation Dinner Update

Teacher Appreciation Dinner Oct 16 and the Teacher Appreciation Pot Luck Sign-Up Genius is nearly full; there are only three spots remaining.

B. Book Fair

Help is needed for the Book Fair, at least to manage the kids. October 11th – October 18th.

C. Carnival

The carnival does not have many sign-ups; help is needed. Its on October 27th. From 12 – 4. Teachers will be sending information home about the event and how to help. Its not a huge money maker but it is fun!

D. Fundraising Update

- a. Information is going home this Friday about all the PTA fundraising efforts.
- b. Pearl St. Wine Tasting will be on November 3rd.
- c. The Auction will be on Friday April 12th at the Martin School. See Allison G. or Allison H. for participating on the Auction Committee.

E. Dartmania and Other Restaurant Nights

- a. Nothing Bundt Cakes seemed to be successful. Caitlin will be following up with them and with Scott regarding the forthcoming check from them.
- b. October 19th: Dartmania from 4 – 8 pm. (50% of the night's proceeds will be donated back to our school.)
- c. November 15th: Eurocrepes Restaurant Night
- d. December 14th: Nixon's Restaurant Night
- e. Other potentials Craft Alley, Park Burger; Akaya Bowl;

F. Target and Sprouts cards

Shipments are in the office and available for purchase.

G. DU hockey (November 16th vs Minnesota-Duluth)

Scott is looking at this date for DU Hockey

H. Turkey Trot and Food drive

- a. The food drive will be kicking off October 26th and will run through Thursday, November 15th. Food can be dropped off at boxes outside of the classrooms.
- b. Canned foods, boxed foods of all kinds, not just Thanksgiving based foods will work.
- c. Mr. J is being asked for help in running the Trot, hopefully he can assist and help create enthusiasm.
- d. The food drive helps support McKinley Thatcher families and leftover cans will be donated for the 2nd year in a row to the South High School food bank.

I. Other Updates:

- a. **Contact Books** are ready to go out
- b. **Teacher Appreciation Coffees** will happen sometime next week. Alise Lawrence and Stacie Rudy are looking for volunteers to help deliver coffee by meeting at 7:30 at Duffey Roll.
- c. **Destination Imagination:** Sarah Clark will be sending out information this Friday about Destination Imagination (DI). At DI, students work together to make something creative and amazing. This will be Sarah's last year. New coaches are needed.
- d. **Cultural Night** set for March 8th and the Cultural Night Committee will be meeting in November or December.
- e. **Discovery Link** is providing the childcare and the PTA needs to pay for their service. The PTA voted to pass a spending budget of \$540.

IV. EVENT COORDINATORS

All Year Coordinators

Amazon Smile Coordinator
Auction Committee
Book Fairs
Box Tops
Carnival Coordinator

Alise Lawrence
Allison Hunter and Allison Gleichman
Barbara Silverstein
Harriet Carniero
Allison Gleichman and Allison Hunter + others

CSC-PTA Liaison
 Cultural Committee
 Destination Imagination
 DU Sporting Event Coordinator Night
 Fundraising Coordinators
 Garden Coordinator
 Membership Committee
Platt Park Parents Coordinator
 Playdate Coordinator
 Reading Is Fundamental
Restaurant Nights
 Safeway, King Soopers, Sprouts Cards
Teacher Coffee Coordinator
 Yearbook
5th Grade Legacy Project

September

Contact **Book**
 Room Parent Coordinator
 Tee Shirt Coordinator
 Reflections Coordinator

October

Fall Dance Coordinator October

National Walk to School Day (10.04.17)

November

Turkey Trot (November)

January

Science Night (01.11.18)

February

Chili Cook Off (February)

March

Math Night
 Cultural Night

May

Bike to School (05.29.18)
 Teacher Appreciation
 5th Grade Continuation

Allison Gleichman
 Kaela Evans, Ingrid Hoff & Katie Millard
 Sarah Clark – Ben’s interested in learning about it
 Scott Lawrence
 Allison Hunter and Allison Gleichman
 Ben Schumacher
Jason Kopecky (10/1/18 & 3/1/19 Deadlines)
Caitlin Kozicki?
 Allison Gleichman around choice time
 Barbara Silverstein
Caitlin Kozicki?
 Scott Lawrence
Stacie Rudy?
 Jason Kopecky, Barbara Silverstein & Kaela Evans
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Alise Lawrence – reach out to Kaymen Triplet
 Alise Lawrence
 Stephen Kozicki
 Like a liberal arts competition?

Dana and Monica
 (Glow Dance theme?)
T.B.D.

Karen Thomson and Alise Lawrence

Sonia Geerdes

T.B.D.

Sonia Geerdes
 Alise Lawrence and Kaela Evans

Stacie Rudy and Karyn Pocerlich
 Barb Silverstein
 Stacie Rudy

V. UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 11 – Oct 18	Fall Book Fair
Oct 12	Picture Day
Oct 16	Teacher appreciation pot luck
Oct 16 - 17	Parent Teacher Conferences
Oct 19	Dartmania 4pm-8pm
Oct 19 – Oct 23	Fall Break – No Classes
Oct 27 -	McKinley Thatcher Carnival at the Dive Inn (12 pm – 4 pm)
Dec 7 -	Fall Dance?