

MCKINLEY THATCHER PTA MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 11.13.2018
TIME: 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM
LOCATION: McKinley-Thatcher Library

I. ATTENDEES

Kaela Evans	Allison Hunter	Scott Lawrence
Sonia Geerdes	Jason Kopecky	Ben Schumacher
Allison Gleichman	Caitlin Kozicki	Barbara Silverstein
Chris Hughes	Stephen Kozicki	

II. REPORTS

A. Vice President's Report – Stephen Kozicki:

Reported

B. Treasurer Report - Scott Lawrence:

2018 – 2019 Beginning Balance (7/31):	\$16,864.42
2018 – 2019 Income to Date:	\$9,277.78
<u>2018 – 2019 Expenses to Date</u>	<u>-\$9,038.95</u>
2018 – 2019 Current Balance:	17,103.25

C. CSC Report – Allison Gleichman:

- a. The school has been implementing Safe to tell training over the last month.
- b. The SPF score was discussed and explained in detail. The McT score this year was yellow. The school did not score well with respect to Academic Gaps but if the school had a larger student population, more scores would have been included which would have raised our gap score and our overall rating to green.
- c. The CSC discussed role of homework and whether the amount of homework being assigned is appropriate and whether it might be possible to tailor homework for students.

D. Principal's Report – Sonia Geerdes:

Sonia was out sick.

III. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Teacher Led Enrichments

- a. Teacher led enrichments: the PTA is willing to offer a stipend for teachers that may be interested in providing an enrichment course to help with their material costs and extra planning time. The stipend amount is to be determined.
- b. The Spanish Club is an enrichment that is independent of Discovery Link.

- c. The PTA offers scholarships for each student's so that the average cost is \$10 per class.
- d. Allison G. wondered if we can have a club where the teachers are paid by the district.

B. Book Fair Update

- a. The book fair sold a lot of books (\$2,000 worth of Scholastic Dollars were generated to spend on new library books and RIF purchases).

C. Social Emotional Night Update

- a. In general, everyone thought the evening and the content discussed was good and that it was a very valuable night for everyone.
- b. A couple of needs were identified:
 - i. It would be great to be able to see the outlines and any other content material of the courses so people that could not attend could see what was covered.
 - ii. We need to ensure that we have enough food to truly cover dinner (more than 1 slice of pizza per person). If there is extra, we could donate it to some of our families in need.

D. Fundraising Updates

- a. The sponsorship program has about \$7500 worth of commitments so far this year.
- b. Currently \$4500 worth of commitments have been received.
- c. Many of last year's sponsors have committed to be sponsors again this year.
- d. The Carnival may have raised around \$500.
- e. Allison G. asked that the PTA come up with a better way to communicate the PTA's needs and triumphs to the rest of the school's population.
- f. Wine Tasting: \$880 in wine ticket sales were sold, \$440 benefit the PTA and the rest goes toward the wine tasting event. There may be additional proceeds coming from Pearl Wine for a portion of the tickets that were sold at the store.

E. End of Year Teacher and Staff Bonuses and Card Signing

- a. The PTA voted that the \$3500 budget for teacher and staff bonuses could be increased to \$3700 on bonuses if need be.
- b. There are currently two long term subs for teachers out on maternity leave. The PTA voted that these subs will get also get a bonus as well.

F. PTA presence at Free Book Fridays

- a. Katie Mallard was identified as a potential candidate to help be a liaison for the PTA during the Free Book Fridays.
- b. The PTA can provide a bulleted list of the month's needs and triumphs.
- c. Secretary will produce a bullet point list of the month's need's and triumphs.

G. Clothing Needs

- a. Caitlin Kozicki was talking with Ingrid Hoff and Ingrid mentioned that there was a need for clothing for some families. Allison G informed the PTA that there are two great resources that the school can access: A Precious Child and Clothes to Kids of Denver. Caitlin will relay this to Ingrid Hoff so the school can consider taking advantage of these organizations for our families.

H. Food Drive

- a. Scott mentioned that Alise may need help with the distributing food from the food drive on Thursday the 15th.

I. Garden Update

- a. Allison G. and Kaela Evans submitted a grant for the garden to Annie's.

IV. EVENT COORDINATORS

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
DU Sporting Event Coordinator Night	Scott Lawrence
Fundraising Coordinators	Allison Hunter and Allison Gleichman
Garden Coordinator	Ben Schumacher
Membership Committee	Jason Kopecky (10/1/18 & 3/1/19 Deadlines)
Platt Park Parents Coordinator	Ben Schumacher
Playdate Coordinator	Allison Gleichman around choice time
Reading Is Fundamental	Barbara Silverstein
Restaurant Nights	Caitlin Kozicki
Safeway, King Soopers, Sprouts Cards	Scott Lawrence
Teacher Coffee Coordinator	Alise Lawrence & Stacie Rudy
Yearbook	Jason Kopecky, Barbara Silverstein & Kaela Evans
5th Grade Legacy Project	?

September

Contact Book	Alise Lawrence
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Room Parent Coordinator	Alise Lawrence
Tee Shirt Coordinator	Stephen Kozicki
Reflections Coordinator	Like a liberal arts competition?
<u>October</u>	
Social & Emotional Learning Family Night	Sonia Geerdes
National Walk to School Day (10.04.17)	T.B.D.
<u>November</u>	
Turkey Trot (11.15.18)	Karen Thomson and Alise Lawrence
Fall Dance Coordinator 11.30.18)	Dana, Monica and Mona
<u>January</u>	
Science Night (01.11.18)	Sonia Geerdes
<u>February</u>	
Chili Cook Off (February)	Mona Manzares
<u>March</u>	
Pi Day (03.14.18)	Sonia Geerdes
Cultural Night	Alise Lawrence and Kaela Evans
<u>May</u>	
Bike to School (05.29.18)	Stacie Rudy and Karyn Pocerlich
Teacher Appreciation	Barb Silverstein
5th Grade Continuation	Stacie Rudy

V. UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 26 th :	Nov 15: Food Drive
Nov 15 th :	Turkey Trot and Thanksgiving Lunch
Nov 15 th :	Eurocrepes Restaurant Night (4pm – 9pm – 25% to the school)
Nov 16 th :	DU Hockey Fundraiser
Nov 16 th :	Nov 23 rd : Thanksgiving Break
Nov 30 th :	School Values Assembly
Nov 30 th :	Superheros School Dance: 6 – 7:45
Dec 6 th :	Fall Showcase for K -2
Dec 6 th :	Reading is Fundamental book giveaway
Feb 8 th :	Chili Cookoff