

McKinley Middle School
PTA Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2018

Call to Order @ 6:33 p.m. by Steve Funk, President

Welcome to New Members

Approve May Meeting minutes:

*Motion to approve by Andrea Norris; 2nd by Kelly Bult. Approved.

Membership Report

*43 members

Principal's report

*Staff & Student of the Month, starting in December, 1 staff member and 1 boy, 1 girl from each grade
-Looking for donations for prizes; SignUp Genius will go out to PTA distribution list

*Para for Girls PE has been selected; plan to start Nov 1st. Will also help with PE classes

*Thank you to the PTA Hospitality Committee for the Friday snacks & the upcoming conference dinner

*Parent/Teacher Conferences: New format this year, open house style instead of scheduled time slots in order to allow parents to visit with as many teachers as they want. 3:00-8:00 Tues/Thurs this week

*HRS Survey: Continuation from spring; questions based around safe and orderly school; goal is to earn a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; survey has been done by students and staff; 40 parent responses to-date; deadline October 26th

*Magazine Sales: still tallying totals but estimate McKinley made around \$5,000

*McKNews is up and running (IMC)

*Ms. Amy Gardner has requested three \$10 iTunes cards in order to buy apps on Apple devices. The devices are set up with individual accounts and therefore; Steve Funk stated he knew someone who would take care of this donation for Ms. Gardner. She requested three but could use more if anyone else feels inclined to donate. Donations can be given directly to Ms. Gardner.

*Grizzly Cove: received a \$5,000 grant from Mercy Hospital. This money will be on account for McKinley at HACAP to use as needed to restock the foodbank. An additional \$2,500 was received from a private donor and will be used for clothing and to organize/spruce up the Grizzly Cove space. Ms. Molly Lamb had 2 new washers and dryers donated to allow staff to wash clothing for students who may not have washers available at home; these will be located in the Grizzly Cove area; discussion regarding a new washer for the Special Ed department also took place. Sara Brennan offered to check into some potential donors and will work with Ms. Erin Hollingsworth on this.

*CRCSD hired a CRCSD School Security and Crisis Response Supervisor, Eric Werling. Mr. Werling will oversee safety of all buildings. He has met with Mr. Martinez, had a tour of McKinley and a meeting with Officer Anne.

*Lottery for Magnet School: Open Feb 1, 2019 until around the first week of March. If a student is currently in the McKinley district they do not need to apply – the lottery is for students outside the

McKinley area who would like to come to McKinley when it transitions to a STEAM Magnet school. McKinley is currently at 440 students and has a capacity of 700. Magnet Director Jillian Schulte will be starting January 1st to help with the transition.

*McKinley has a team of 5 teachers performing at the Lip Synch for Learning Event on November 9th at CSPA Hall in NewBo. All proceeds benefit the Cedar Rapids Community Schools Foundation. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

*The Raptor Center here this week for Mr. Hartzog's science classes. The PTA funded this event.

October Staff Presentation/Discussion

*Associate Principal Justin Blietz spoke about Social and Emotional Learning

-Mr. Blietz explained the three tiers used to determine the amount of individualized support students receive. All students start in Tier 1 and learn about the Bear Way and SEL Support Standards. These standards are: 1. Self-Management 2. Self-Awareness 3. Social Awareness 4. Responsible Decision-Making and 5. Relationship Skills. Tier 2 can serve about 10—15% and this level provides additional guidance and support for students with more than 2 major office referrals or need additional support in any social/emotional area. Tier 3 can serve about 1-5% and this level sees more one-on-one support.

-McKinley had a review done of their SEL systems currently in place. Mr. Martinez asked if the PTA would be willing to cover 50% of the fee. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Committee Updates

*Hospitality: Staff Conference Dinner Oct 18th; still need donations

*8th Grade Party: Holly Warth volunteered to chair this committee

Treasurer's Report

*N/A

New Business

*Timeline Repair: The staff has formed a committee to work on transitioning the timeline to better represent modern-day McKinley as we transition to a STEAM building.

*Variety Show: Thursday, March 14, 2019. Large fundraiser for the Fine Arts department (including the Art Department). Event includes performances, a bake sale and silent auction. Lots of volunteers are needed, including a volunteer or two to take over this event next year. Contact the PTA for more information or to volunteers. More info to come!

Next meeting will be Monday, November 12th at 12:00 p.m.

Adjournment @ 8:12 p.m.

Meeting Attendees:

Andrea Norris	Jennifer Patterson	Jason Martinez	Holly Warth
Laurie Tauber	Steve Funk	Sue Millar	Justin Blietz
Kelly Bult	Sara Brennan	Kristy Decker	Christine Engel
Sue Nading	Tanya Schneidermann		