

McKinley Middle School PTA

October 9, 2017

Call to Order @ 6:03 p.m.

Principal's report

- *Magazine sales wrapping up. Numbers better than last year but not as high as we had hoped.
- *Oct 17th and 19th are parent teacher conferences. Generally, we get 35%-40% participation. If any parents have ideas/feedback on how to get those numbers up please email Mr. Martinez.
- *CRCSO did not receive the federal grant from the federal government for STEAM magnet school. However, McKinley is still on track to become a STEAM magnet school starting in the 2019-2020 school year.
- *Robotics club is up and running. Thinking of expanding and adding more teams. Looking for volunteers to help so we can add another team. Parents/others who might be able to volunteer please contact Jackie Mason, Volunteer Coordinator (jmason@cr.k12.ia.us)
- *Girls Who Code has 3 girls participating so far. Mrs. Gardner (Librarian) is looking for a volunteer who could help with this. Please contact her if you or someone you know is interested agardner@cr.k12.ia.us
- *Looking for old computers or other electronic devices for makers space. If you have a non-working computer, printer, VCR, DVD player, etc. that the kids could take apart please drop it off at the office.
- *Mr. Martinez is meeting soon with Master Gardeners. They would like to do a prairie grass restoration at a school and CRCSO suggested McKinley. This could be a great partnership because they (the master gardeners) will do much of the work for both the gardening and grant process to make it happen. It will be implemented in 3 phases.
- *7th grade science teacher update: There was one applicant who was offered the job but declined. Mr. Martinez is working with CRCSO HR as well as universities with education majors to find someone who would be a good candidate.
- *Earth Science students have been moved to an online platform and there is someone on staff at Wash who will be helping with that.
- *Introduced Mr. Guy who is the Engagement Specialist for McKinley. He is the liaison between home and school. Helps with transportation and helps with attendance.
- *Short discussion on 'Bug Zoo' project for 6th grade team.
- *Sue Millar asked if we could standardize communications regarding after school clubs and opportunities. Perhaps we could get them in weekly newsletter? A listing each week of the clubs, what they do, and who is the contact for each one?

Treasurer's Report & Financial Review

*Brian McGrath circulated the treasurer's report.

*Mollie Schlue moved to accept Sue Millar 2nd-passed

*Discussion on more clearly communicating what the "Bear Booster" is and what the funds go toward. Discussed possibly including communication on the projects PTA funds.

*Andrea Norris presented the audit conducted for handing books over from Andrea to Brian.

*Tammy Fox motioned to accept. Kristy Decker 2nd. Approved.

Membership Report

*47 members (not counting the 2 that signed up tonight)

Committee Updates

*Tammy Fox listed a few spots still open for conference night dinner.

New Business

*Special Projects review and vote

*Bug Zoo-6th grade team seeking approximately \$320 for Iowa State Bug zoo to come for a 'family night'. Discussed possibility of opening up to more students than just 6th grade, but the cost would go up. Tammy Fox Motioned to approve funding not to exceed \$320. Laurie Tauber 2nd. Passed.

*Food Pantry-School Nurse (Kim Seward) seeking funding for the McKinley food pantry. Discussion regarding sustainability of this program and statements that PTA will not be able to fully fund it. Andrea will discuss with Kim these outstanding questions: A) What other grants were applied for? B) How much money does she have available now (is it an emergency situation?). C) Is the food bank able to take donations? D) What can PTA do to help it be sustainable (other than funding?). Angela Henderson motioned to give the food bank donation in the meantime not to exceed \$100. Mollie Schlue 2nd. Passed.

*Marching Band-seeking funding for enrichment time (45 minutes between school dismissal on Fridays and Marching band start). Discussion included A) Mr. Martinez offered to see if 'Forensics' club could take the place of this? B) How many students would it serve? C) Is it possible Variety Show money could cover this expense? Mollie Schlue motioned to table this decision Angela 2nd. Passed.

*Notification of Bylaws Update-We will be voting at the November meeting on our updated bylaws. A copy is available at the meeting for review. And they will be sent electronically later this week.

*Parent Advisory Council-Discussion is tabled due to time constraints.

Adjourn @ 7:08 p.m.

Meeting Attendees:

Andrea Norris	JoEllen Funk	Kristy Decker	Jason Martinez
Tammy Fox	Mollie Schlue	Sue Millar	Brian McGrath
Laurie Tauber	Willie Guy	Angela Henderson	