

**MCKINLEY
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PTA

MCKINLEY PTA GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 17th, 2021

[Zoom](#)

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1. The PTA General Meeting was called to order by Emily Oh at 6:03 pm. The board members in attendance were Emily Oh, Staci Stern, Carrie Harrison, Joe Stern, Ani Larson, Enelia Faithful, Rene McArdle and Trisha Young.

The General Meeting was called to order by Emily at 6:33. Staci took over the meeting and reminded everyone that the PTA is for everyone and we encourage everyone to share their opinions.

1. October Minutes Spanish
 - a. [October Minutes English](#)

The October General Meeting Minutes were reviewed by Emily Oh. It was discussed that teachers can set office hours through parent square. Emily Oh made a motion to review and Enelia made a 2nd motion to approve. It was voted on and approved by all.

The meeting minutes were reviewed by Staci. Emily made a motion to approve the minutes and Joe made a 2nd motion to approve the minutes. They were voted on and approved by all.

1. [October Financial Report](#)

Joe reviewed the October Financial Report. He stated that there are three accounts at Bank of the West and they are all in fact necessary to have,

rather than combine all accounts into one. We collected over \$60,000 and had budgeted approx. \$40,000 for the Jog A Thon. We had a few more expenses than we budgeted for however, since we brought in so much more, we are in good shape. Joe reviewed the main bank account reconciliation report. He mentioned all of the accounts were reviewed and approved. He asked for questions or comments. Chris asked if the uncleared checks have been reviewed but Joe said he had not been concerned about that at this point but if any are outstanding for too long, he will follow up on those.

a. It was discussed that the Board voted to increase the Staff Appreciation Fund from \$300 to \$1000. Staci reviewed this and asked for questions. Joe also suggested we make that budget from a tier 3 to a tier 2. Staci made a motion to approve, Emily made a 2nd motion to approve. It was voted on and approved by all.

1. Committees Update

a. Teacher Feedback

Mr. Berry stated it was a busy time due to conferences. He stated it was a lot of work but it was important work so the teachers really have a pulse on the class. The staff feedback said they are feeling the love from the school community and they really appreciated the food and other items they received and they were grateful for all that was being done for them. Staci asked what the culture was like in the conferences and Mr. Berry stated that it is different this year because there is more work to do. He also stated that there is an emotional weight that comes with these conferences to connect with the parents and learn more about the students.

b. [Amor Para Todos Group](#)

Ms. Gill shared that she is representing the APT Club, Amor Para Todos for PACS. They provide a safe place for students every Wednesday for 20 minutes. Students are very eager to attend this meeting each week. They will adjust schedules as it is needed for the

kids. This club is a student driven club and they figured out that they want to be a social club that is looking at doing more and we will see what this morphs into. Their club moto is “Ally is a Verb” Ms. Gill would like to thank the PTA for their support in starting this very important club. Ms. Gill asked for questions and Staci asked if this club was geared for the LGBTQ+ population and Ms. Gill said it was not, it was geared for all students. Ms. Gill also stated that it was important to have a consistent adult presence so that the students feel like they can trust that adult. Mike Webb asked if it was a large group and Ms. Gill said the group was anywhere from 5-12 kids and the momentum was growing.

c. School Of Excellence Preliminary Feedback

Staci asked if everyone was familiar with the School of Excellence survey. Staci was assisted by many parents and different communities within our school and she was impressed with the support that she received. The goal is to help make our school an even more welcoming place, empower families with the decision-making process and demonstrate to school leaders that the PTA is a key partner in school decisions. After all have completed the survey, the results will be analyzed and we will have one area where we need to approve. Then we work with a committee which would be the site council. The preliminary feedback we have received has been from 135 English surveys and 8 Spanish surveys. Data will be analyzed after it all comes in but preliminary results indicate that social emotional needs seem to be an area which we can improve upon.

d. Membership Update

Staci also reported that we still have 40 PTA memberships to offer at no charge to families in need.

e. Winter Festival

Emily Betts reported that she and Rebecca Hachmeyer have taken on the Winter Festival and they are proposing to have an outdoor, evening event with music, cider, glow bracelets and just a chance for people to come together around the holidays. They are also considering having a craft faire and bake sale and a portion of the

sales could be dedicated to the PTA or school. Emily asked if everyone if they would feel comfortable with even having this event, she would like suggestions on lighting and wanted to know if a craft/bake sale would be a good idea or not. Mr. Berry mentioned that tea lights or flameless candles in paper bags might be an idea for lighting. Mr. Berry suggested each class doing a set of bags. Mrs. Larson also stated that maybe having a food truck come in would be a possibility since a bake sale in covid is not allowed at this point. Mrs. Larson also said that maybe the students could have craft stations and a photo booth station. Enelia also stated that we have a very talented community and many families like to make crafts that could be purchased. Alicia asked if there was a budget that we haven't accessed from Back to School night that we can access for this night. Emily will send out a save the date and the ball will get rolling on this event.

f. Volunteer Opportunities On Campus Coming Soon

Mrs. Larson shared that volunteers can start coming to campus if they are fully vaccinated. Yard supervision is a big need right now, The need is 3 adults a day, especially on rainy days. The time that this is needed is mainly from 11:55-1:15, but if you can only stay for an hour, 11:55-12:55 would be appreciated. Lori also mentioned that they will probably ask for one month commitments from adult volunteers.

g. PTA Priorities For Next Quarter

Staci reported that the goals are:

- 1.) To have a robust volunteer system run through a coordinator who keeps a calendar of those that can help.
- 2.) A. Focus on social and emotional wellbeing for the McKinley community through the yard duty program.
3. To continue to engage our Latinx community as leaders in our community and on PTA.
- 4.) To work on a fair, and equitable after-school enrichment program that allows all students to participate.

h. Principal Update

Mrs. Larson reported that there was an awesome Ruby Bridges Walk. The older grades taught the younger graders about the meaning of this day. Mrs. Larson would like this to become an annual event. Safe Routes to School is growing and the goal for each month is to have an event. Mrs. Larson was grateful for the support of the teacher appreciation week. She also said that registration for PACS will start in December and McKinley will start in January and there will also be zoom informational nights. The 1st week of December we will be doing a deep dive study on equity and that information will go to the district. Mrs. Larson purchased more outdoor games for students to play for students who are not interested in ball games. Recycling bins have been placed for the plastic bags collection. The food drive was a great success. Conferences have been a great resource for student needs and Mrs. Larson is impressed with how caring the teachers continue to be with their students. We also have a MFT that has been hired to be on campus 4 days a week.

1. Holiday Giving Opportunities

Alicia described the giving opportunities this season:

a. Giving Tree for Classroom Needs

Not all teachers get appreciation from their classroom and there is still a need for basic items.

b. Classroom Gifts for teachers

This will be organized by the Classroom Liaison

c. Holiday Giving Program

Chris and Jessica have been working on families who need assistance this year. A sign up genius and school sign up tags will be organized and distributed. The board is also typically at the Winter Festival.

- d. Giving Tuesday-Please consider donating to McKinley PTA for Giving Tuesday after Thanksgiving on 11/30

<https://www.facebook.com/help/332488213787105>

The PTA will need to organize this with Facebook.

- 1. Upcoming Events [PTA Calendar](#)
 - a. November 22nd-26th Fall Break- NO SCHOOL
 - b. Friday, December 3rd Intercultural Café
 - c. Sunday, December 5th Barber Cellars and Barber Lee Spirits Dine and Donate
 - d. Thursday, December 9th Winter Festival
 - e. Tuesday, December 14th Brewster's Dine and Donate
 - f. Wednesday, December 15th PTA Meeting
 - g. December 20-31 Winter Break- NO SCHOOL
 - h. Ongoing Plastic Bag Drive

The meeting was adjourned by Emily Oh at 8:06.