

McKinley Foundation Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2016

Attendees

President	Betsey Zbyszynski
Immediate Past President	Shari Schlossberg
Teacher Liaison	Gina Homna
Treasurer	Elizabeth Koumas
Secretary	Alycia Leslie
Voting Member	Alexi Trupans
Voting Member	Jim Sakrison
Voting Member	Grant Ferrier
Non-Voting Member	Principal Deb Ganderton

Agenda

Budget
Additional Items

Budget

Review of the 2016-2017 budget shows that additional funds carried over from previous years has been depleted. The additional funds were used towards one time expenses such as the beautification project, air conditioners, etc. We have also expanded some of the courses that support the school's IB values, such as Crave art. The foundation has some recurring expenses that support keeping the IB designation for McKinley. The focus is to ensure we can maintain these annual costs. The discussion centered on two topics: Generating New Funds and Reducing Costs.

Note: No decisions or voting has occurred on the following topics and they will be taken up again after Winter Break.

Generating New Funds

Board members agreed that adding an additional fund raiser was least desirable considering the enormous amount of parent volunteer time already committed to Jog-a-Thon, SoNo, and Spring Gala. Two primary suggestions were discussed:

1. More actively seek SoNo sponsorship from outside
2. Look at ways to draw a larger crowd to the Spring Gala - one suggestion for this would be to partner with Jefferson and Birney foundations to possibly sell tickets to their parents with a percentage of those ticket sales going to the respective foundations.

Reducing Costs

Board members also discussed a couple of options for reducing costs:

1. Spanish - The district is now covering a portion of the costs for spanish instruction. With this cost sharing, additional spanish instruction in the classrooms outside of the Wheel has been added and could be removed, reducing the portion funded by the foundation.
2. Achieve 3000 - This reading program has been used by fourth and fifth graders for several years. This year third grade was added. The licensing fees are high and we could return to only including fourth and fifth grade.
3. The Wheel - We now offer five programs: Spanish, Ceramics, Dance, Garden, and Crave. One option discussed is to maintain all subjects, but reduce the number of lessons.

Additional Topics

- Jog-a-thon will be held at St. Augustine in the spring due to ongoing work on the joint use park
- "Dine Out" night this month is hosted by Del Sur Mexican Cantina.

Upcoming Events

Dine Out, 15 Dec; Winter Break, 19 Dec - 03 Jan 2017