Meeting Minutes

# McCullough PTAC Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2017

Meeting called to order at 5:43pm

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| Attendees | B. Butcher, C. Butcher, D. Darrisaw, P. Davis, S. Griffith, A. Hudgon, and R. Roberts | |
| **Ice Breaker**  If you had to be the principal of McCullough for a day what would you do differently?   * Cellphone restriction – cell phones are the cause of class disruptions, referrals, and negative social media influence etc. * Staff development – staff members should do a neighborhood tour to see where the students are coming from. Many of the staff members do not come from the neighborhood, so they do not understand the issues that the students deal with on a daily basis. * Recruit more staff to reflect the neighborhood demographics. * Create a school dress code, such as uniforms. This will solve a lot of problems that deal with self-esteem.   **Mustang Market**   * Mustang market holiday sale is underway. Students are using their dojo points to purchase merchandise.   **Cafeteria Monitors/Photo Copy Duties**   * The more parents get involved the better. Parent visibility can improve student behavior and possibly reduce referrals. * Parents are needed to assist with lunch duties. There are time where there are staff absences and not enough substitutes to fill open positions. * Photocopies can be done any day not just Mondays.   **Black History Month**   * It was discussed that a Black History Movie night be held every week through the month of February. Movies such as (Hidden Figures, The Great Debaters, and Lean on Me) should be featured each week. * A parent suggested that her uncle do an Underground Railroad Re-enactment assembly. * Another idea was to do a Black History Month Essay Contest. * Black History Daily Trivia was also suggested   **Family Game Night/Bowling Night**   * Date to be determined. Parents can bring in board games and set them up in the cafeteria. * Bowling night to be determined. Need committee member to lead this event. | | |
| Action Items | Details | Owner |
| Scholarships | College scholarships are available to middle school students. Some of the local lodges give away scholarships to residents of the community. Bryan will put together a list of scholarship resources that our students can apply for. | Bryan |
| Athletic Uniforms | There is a District wide initiative to have the same color uniforms black and cherry. Mr. Armstrong will provide further detail regarding this initiative. No need to do any fundraising right now since we are uncertain as to how soon this will take into effect. | Darrisaw/Armstrong |
| Walking Trips | There are restrictions on walking trips that involve crossing Memorial Drive. Renie to draft up a petition to have parents sign and submit to Colonial Board Meeting in January 2018  Bryan to reach out to NCC Police Department to get a police officer to assist with helping students to cross Memorial Drive so that they can visit the new Route 9 Library, and bowling alley. | Renie/Bryan |
| Email Notification | Many parents are not getting notices from the school, which is being sent, through the students. Ms. Darrisaw to request an “All Points Email” from the core subjects on a rotating basis. | Darrisaw |
| Winter Dance | PTAC to work together with the Student Council to put together a winter dance in January. It was suggested that the students be able to purchase tickets with DoJo points in addition to a small $2 or $3 admission fee. PTAC to invite a student council member to attend the next PTA meeting. | Ada/Darrisaw |
| **Newsletter** | Parent newsletter to be created and emailed every two weeks. Details of newsletter include current projects, open PTA positions, scholarships, community events etc. | Renie |
| Henrietta Johnson Medical Center Dinner | Henrietta Johnson Medical Center wants to have a dinner in March to educate McCullough families on the services that it offers at its clinic. This event will be limited to 30 people and pre-registration is required. | Griffin |
| Test Prep | Renie to research and find additional resources that students can use to prepare for state exams. This info will be included in the school newsletter. | Renie |
| School Climate Report | November 1-30 there were a total of 161 referrals. Grade 6 had 67, Grade 7 had 58 and Grade 8 had 36 referrals. The majority of referrals took place on Nov 29th and Nov 30th.  As of Dec 18 total referrals for the month of December is 150. Grade 6 has 68, Grade 7 has 58 and Grade 8 has 24 referrals as of December 18. | Darrisaw |

***January 2018 PTA Meetings are scheduled for January 8th at 6pm, and January 22nd at 6pm.***

Meeting Adjourned at 7:06pm