

Coffee with the Principal / HSA Meeting

October 18, 2017

I. Welcome

Principal McKenna introduced herself and started the meeting.

II. Annual Title I Review

The Philadelphia School District is a Title I district, and all students are Title I eligible. Title I provides extra funding for the school based on several factors not discussed at the meeting.

Title I funds are there to supplement the SD funding of the school.

McCall must spend 1% of its funds on parent and family engagement, about \$3,000.

Last year, funds were spent on Literacy Night and PSSA parent workshop.

McCall has over \$2,600 to spend on K3 literacy, science classroom instruction and library materials

Parents have a right to know qualifications of teachers. If a non certified teacher is teaching for more than 4 weeks, the school will send a right to know letter to the parents.

McCall is designated as a REWARD school (highest designation).

Principal McKenna gave copies of the Parent Engagement Policy and the School Parent Compact.

III. Calendar Review

Several assessments will be done this year:

- PSSA Literacy & Math 3-8
- PSSA Science 4-8
- Keystone Algebra

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Nov 20-22

Open house on Oct 19

Cradles to Crayons event on Oct 21

FACE Training (volunteer requirement) at McCall on Monday at 10AM

Halloween Parade on Oct 26th at 2PM for grades K2

Halloween Party on Oct 30th at 3:30PM

Greek Festival on Oct 31st

SAC meeting on Nov 1st

Benchmarks for grades 3-8 in Literacy and Math: Nov 1-17

IV. Staffing / Leveling Updates

- Mr. Battestelli is now a K-3 Literacy Lead Teacher, and works only with teachers, and not students.
- New 1st, 3rd and 6th grade classrooms to accommodate high number of students
- Mr. Petuskey is now Science Teacher for grades 6-8
- New science prep teacher, Pam Ryan, will go to classrooms with a cart. She was hired by the District and is on "special assignment" through the end of the school year (no site selection after June 30)
- The district projected McCall's enrollment at 714 students. 735 students are now registered.
- Teachers were displaced to meet needs of new classes. Ms Lockman and Ms Johnson were school employees before the leveling, and are NOT on special assignments.

V. 2016-2017 data / 2017-2018 goals

A. 2016-2017 data

- 15 students left McCall for Masterman or Gamp at the end of 4th grade in 2017.
- If the numbers hold, the extra classes will remain next year
- French teacher resigned from PSD, a sub was found and has started
- The inconsistency in the language offerings at McCall are due to the fact that it is hard to find certified, quality teachers. McKenna would like to find a Spanish teacher.
- The students now have a tech teacher again, Ms Smith
- Foreign languages are NOT a requirement for Middle School
- Blue Ribbon: Ms McKenna, Ms Asto and Mr Knoflicek applied in Jan 2017 based on the high academic achievements of the students. Awarded in October 2017!

- PSSA data:
In 2017:
Math: 60.7%
Reading: 69.7%
Science: 71.4%
In 2016:
Math 58.5%
Reading: 70.1%
Science: 73.9%

- Keystone: 44 students took the test, 41 were proficient or advanced.
93.2% success rate

B. 2017-2018 goals:

- ELA: No more than 3% below basic in 3rd grade
- In 2017:
K: 82% above basic
1st: 72%

2nd: 86%
Goals for 2018:
K: 87%
1st: 77%
2nd: 91%

- PSSA days of testing will go down in the spring

VI. McCall SDP website is live

www.philasd.org/mccall

SAC will post its committee meeting links on the site

VII. SAC updates

Next SAC meeting is Nov 1 at 9AM in the library.

First meeting was intro.

VIII. Volunteer Packet Requirements

All clearances are needed to chaperone trips or be involved at the school, except to attend parties or shows.

FACE website: <https://www.philasd.org/face/volunteer/#>

Volunteers must have all clearances on file at the school.

In addition, volunteers MUST sign code of conduct and take orientation (online or in person at 440 or McCall)

IX. Instruction / Technology Updates

7 iPads have been purchased for each grade K-2 classroom

STAR assessments in Math and Literacy: every child was assessed in September

Goal was to determine need for intervention or enrichment

Pathfinder: Own path based on STAR assessment results

X. Masonry project update

Fire tower is almost done!

Ms McKenna was told the work would be completed by Nov 6

HSA Meeting

Introduction by President Laurel Landau

HSA board has 9 members: 4 executive members, and 5 members at large

Weekly updates are emailed on Mondays

Membership envelopes were distributed to students. Please share your contact info.

Treasurer's report:

- HSA ended the 2016-2017 academic year with \$155,000 in the bank
- \$45,000 of that amount came from Casino Night
- From July until September: \$3,000 were received as donations
- Our annual gala will be held on May 12th 2018 at the Marriott Downtown
- Since July, HSA spent:
 - o \$27,000 on textbooks for MS
 - o \$15,000 on textbooks for Elementary school
 - o \$10,000 on ESOL material (phonics kits, vocabulary, writing, open core phonics program)
 - o \$12,000 on translation equipment
 - o \$2,000 on AC units (3)
 - o Software, library and accounting fees
 - o Signed \$4,500/month contract with Education Works for full time recess coach
- HSA still has \$107,000 in bank, of which \$17,000 is restricted (Scott Knoflicek's greening project and drama)
- The annual fundraising campaign has already brought in \$19,000

Events:

- The Kanella dinner is sold out! (McCall Family owned restaurant)
- The Halloween party had to be changed to Oct 30th due to a scheduling conflict in the gym. There is a sign-up genius to help at the various stations. You can also donate candy and water for the party in the office.
- There will be a bake sale on Election Day, which will start at 7AM, both at McCall and Jefferson. Please support it by donating baked goods or purchasing items when you go vote.
- The Blue Ribbon party, in collaboration with SAC, was a huge success!
- Picture Day: see Frank for info
- Cherrydale just ended. Thanks Alison Bozic for all your work.
- Ongoing fundraisers:
 - o Boxtops
 - o Shoparoo
 - o Amazon Smile
 - o Caviar
 - o Name Bubbles

All info on our website: www.mccallschool.org