

## **PTA Executive Board Meeting May 4, 2009**

Present: Karen Crews, Lucy Smiles, Karen Kalat, Rennie Anderson, Gerry Gretschel, Dan Rosenthal, Jonathan McHugh, Sharon Masling, Maureen Leventhal

### Principal's Report

- Dr. Crews wants to share at the next PTA meeting how Janney is striving to be a professional learning community. The staff recently started working on a mission and vision statement.
- The local school improvement plan has been approved with changes. Dr. Crews will create a PDF of the local school plan and will coordinate with the webmaster so that the plan is posted on the Janney website.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are creating a legacy garden, in partnership with the 4-H. Next year's 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be responsible for maintaining the garden. The 4-H is providing support, but the project may need some financial assistance from the PTA.

### President's Report

- The nominating committee met. The PTA will be voting on the slate at the next full PTA meeting. The E-board will then focus on filling committee chairmanships.
- Lucy and Sharon had a successful meeting with Scott Cartland and Barbara Murphy regarding a Janney/Webb-Wheatley partnership. To kick off the partnership next year, we propose the following activities:
  - Purchase school supplies/backpacks at the beginning of the school year
  - Structured tutoring or mentoring program – for parents who are willing to make a weekly or bi-weekly commitment
  - Service days – e.g., help teachers unpack after the move to the new school building
  - Ad hoc requests for assistance that Scott would post in the Janney newsletter
- During the next PTA meeting, we will discuss the budget, vote on the slate for next year's E-board, will provide an update on committee vacancies, and will highlight plans for our partnership next year with Webb-Wheatley.

The Board discussed the proposed budget for next year. It will be presented at the next general PTA meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.