

Janney PTA Executive Board Meeting June 2, 2009

Present at the meeting were: Rennie Anderson, Scott Cheney, Gerry Gretschel, Karen Harris, Karen Kalat, Elizabeth Levenson, Maureen Leventhal, Sharon Masling, Fran McCrackin, Jonathan McHugh, Dan Rosenthal, Heather Roy, Diane Schiff, Lucy Smiles, Pippa Trench

Approval of Minutes from April 2009 Executive Board Meeting

Minutes were approved.

Principal's Report

- Dr. Crews was not in attendance.

Treasurers' Report

- Discussion of possible need to allocate funds for work on Janney's website. Karen Harris will look for a parent volunteer to keep cost as low as possible. Would this have to be a PTA-covered item or could DCPS funds be tapped? Could come from school IT budget item 5.06, which includes the IT contract.
- Vote to approve proposed budget. Budget approved.
- Discussion of new PTA small grants program. The object is to bring teachers and parents into the PTA budget process and fund projects that will benefit Janney students. Dan to draft wording for guidelines, including how people will submit proposals; deadlines (first September 1, second maybe January); top amount \$750 (if larger, will need to present idea at an executive board meeting). Should grants be limited to things not covered elsewhere in budget? Deal had or has a committee of parents to consider teacher grants.

Presidents' Report

- Welcome to the new members of the executive board, both teachers and parents. Discussion of the executive board as being an open forum for all ideas, and the need for communication between the LSRT, PTA, and principal. PTA coffees will be continued. Ideas for handling parental concerns: have people put requests in writing (in an email for example); office hours for the new principal.
- Executive board meetings next year will continue to be the first Tuesday of each month. The first will be in September at Scott's house.
- Last PTA general meeting will be held next Tuesday. Included will be thank yous to parents of fifth and sixth graders who volunteered a lot of time.
- Discussion of principal interviews. DCPS was supposed to announce Dr. Crews' resignation, but did not; the resignation was announced in today's newsletter. The principal interview panel has interviewed three candidates, and it is hopeful a decision will be made this week.

New Business

- Ceremony to install the Peter Branson memorial will be Monday at 2:30.
- The Deal PTA has made a request for the Janney PTA to donate money toward a sound system for their new theater. Janney could use the theater for its productions. Deal hopes to get funds from all eight feeder schools, nonprofits, and private schools. The ANC has pledged to give \$3,000-6,000, and maybe would bump up its donation if feeder schools contributed. Janney's pledge would encourage other donations. The suggested donation amount is \$1,000-2000, up to \$10,000.

Motion made and seconded that Janney pledges to donate \$4,000 to the Deal PTA toward a sound system for their auditorium on two conditions: 1) that Janney be able to use the Deal auditorium at no cost to Janney for at least the next two years on dates to be determined after consultation with Ginny Curtin; and 2) that Deal raise the additional required funds. Motion approved; amount to be placed in next year's budget.

- Three fundraisers are planned for next year: 1) a family event, the carnival, in the fall; 2) Janney's Wild in the winter; and 3) the spring raffle.

Other fundraisers: Politics & Prose Book Fair, school photos, Janney Bakers, Used Book Sale, Janney Entrepreneurs (Janney families or kids to sell things such as jewelry and cards; people will buy tables and give a percentage of their sales to Janney), Spring Mulch and Plant Sale. Is a Citrus Sale possible this year? Chairperson spots for the big fundraisers need to be filled.

- Thank yous to those who have served on the executive board this year.

Action Items

Playground erosion.

Meeting adjourned.