

4.26.11 PTA Executive Board Mtg, at Pippa's House

Attendees: Karen Harris, Sherry Cohen, Dan Rosenthal, Diane Schiff, Ann Beumel, Fran McCrackin, Kelly Lee, Julie Slattery, Pippa Trench, Scott Cheney, Priya Jayachandran, Norah Lycknell, Malin Kerwin

I. Minutes from prior meeting approved.

II. Reports

1. Anne Beumel:

- PTA Budget critical to the school and Janney accounts carefully for all PTA funds used
- Discussion of how field trips are accounted and whether student support fee income and field trip expense should offset one another
- Teachers don't need to fund their own supplies because the supply room is constantly replenished and there are sufficient funds to buy what they need.
- Next year each teacher will have an individual supply budget to encourage teachers to purchase what they need
- Janney receives one of the lowest per student allotments in all DCPS which makes the PTA support that much more helpful

2. Principal (Norah):

AfterCare

- After-care Working Group met with JED and will follow up with an immediate action plan with deliverables and follow-up that will be basis for evaluation.
- JED has its own checklist but the Working Group action plan will be the basis of evaluating JED for return.
- Plan to issue RfP to non-JED after-care providers at end of May.
- Discussion of RFP process.

Packing:

- 2 internal packing committees: 1. Teacher-led packing committee; 2. Teacher-led packing curriculum committee
- Packing committee: will meet first time next week and likely will outreach to parent volunteers in mid-May
- Must be packed by Sat, June 18.

3. LSAT/SIT (Jonathan):
 - Parking garage is underway and has good chance of completing on time
 - Steel is not topped off because of Design Team errors
 - High confidence in Construction company and school being usable by first day of school
 - Discussion of LSAT elections and why PTA has run the LSAT elections.
 - It's not in the PTA bylaws so there was no objection to LSAT taking over the function
 - All research studies requested of School will be filtered through LSAT

4. President (Karen):
 - Auction approaching. 75 tickets sold.
 - Time change to 7 pm to 11 pm. Bidding ends at 10 pm. Band afterward.
 - Raffle approaching.
 - Cookbooks done. Launch on Friday.
 - Nominations committee gathering names for next year's PTA Executive Board. Coffee on Thursday morning to promote volunteer opportunities. Will hold elections if more than needed number of people are interested.

5. Treasurer (Sherry) and Budget:
 - Proposed budget circulated which didn't reflect yet spending down the reserve.
 - Discussion of budget and priorities
 - Discussion of Whole Foods support: Janney will be recipient of one of 5% days (budgeted \$7000); support for Janney garden; printing new Janney banner
 - Discussion of JED Credit for Enrichment and whether it should be continued next year.
 - Discussion about spending reserve and how much we can/should spend down
 - Norah will speak to themes for use of the reserve funds when budget presented on Tues at General PTA meeting
 - Norah will hold Principal's coffee in May for input on activities related to themes for reserve use

6. Community Committee (Jonathan McHugh)
 - Began as Diversity Committee focused on what are core principals of our community- school

- Find ways to expand upon our open/welcome community and how do we measure and continue to accomplish that
- Four working groups: 1) community vision, 2) community action, 3) communications, 4) measurement/score card of how we are doing
- Currently 10 people involved – staff, in boundary parents, out of boundary parents; primarily a parent driven -very diverse group
- Focus on education and communication related to diversity and inclusion of all Janney families
- Will present this committee at next general PTA meeting

Meeting Adjourned