

**September 9, 2008**  
**Janney Elementary School Parent Teachers Association**  
**Membership Meeting**  
*As Reviewed and Approved*  
*Submitted by Co-secretaries Elizabeth Levenson and Sharon Masling*

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Lucy Smiles.

There will be five general PTA meetings this year, a change from the ten meetings held in previous years. Lucy introduced the two new principals, the new PTA board members, and the past PTA presidents who will now serve as SIT liaisons.

**Principal's Report**

Dr. Crews reported:

- The start of the school year has gone smoothly.
- Staffing concerns: For the half-time art position, five candidates will be interviewed starting tomorrow. Interviews are being set up for the special ed vacancy. Mr Harvey, the PE teacher, is working out requirements he needs with DCPS; it is hopeful he will be able to come back to Janney.
- The Community Circle last Thursday included visits from the fire department, police department, the AU eagle mascot, and Deal principal Melissa Kim.
- IONA will hold an "intergenerational event" on November 18 and would like to involve Janney.

**Treasurers' Report**

PTA Treasurer Dan Rosenthal reported that we need families to return their All-in-One forms; half of Janney's families have contributed so far.

**Approval of June 2008 minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 2008 minutes.

**Presidents' Report**

Co-President Rennie Anderson reported:

- We are hoping to receive more PTA volunteer forms; there are 40 committees that need volunteers.
- Camille Martone will again be organizing Janney's Soup Kitchen; the sign-up sheet is outside the Multipurpose Room.
- Families should sign up by email to receive the electronic newsletter and announcements.
- The HealthE lunch program will be offered again. A question was raised about whether Janney or the PTA benefits from our participation; money does go back to our school based on how many lunches we order per year.

**SIT Report**

SIT Chairman Kirk Rankin reported:

- Minutes from SIT meetings are on the Janney website.
- The SIT covers teacher development and the curriculum, and includes an equal number of teachers and parents.

- Particular issues being discussed this year are the proposed development project and campus safety.

### **New Business**

#### Report from Fundraising Committee Co-Chair Lisa Kennelly

- Other Co-Chair is Melissa Torgovitsky. Goal is to change focus away from our own money, bring in community support.
- New fundraising projects this year include a citrus sale to be held in January and an Amazon link and a travel agency that both bring money back to Janney.
- “Janney’s Wild,” the major fall fundraiser to be held Friday, November 14, will be a semi-formal evening with casino games and live music. The goal is to have parents help get corporate sponsors; companies will get their marquee on a table.

#### Report from Dianne Bock re: eScrip

In the eScrip program, money comes back to Janney through grocery cards and credit card purchases.

Co-President Lucy Smiles adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.