

June 9, 2009
Janney Elementary School Parent Teachers Association
Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Lucy Smiles at 7:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes from PTA Membership Meeting of May 12, 2009

Motion made and seconded to approve these minutes.

Principal's Report, Assistant Principal Carol Draper

- Recent events include the Reading Rodeo, the dedication of Peter Branson's memorial, the staff lunch sponsored by the PTA, and today's Awards Ceremony. Upcoming is the Clap-out and Graduation for the fifth and sixth graders.
- Registration forms for returning students are due June 15.

Approval of the PTA Budget for the 2009-2010 School Year

- A new line item will be grants for teachers, parents, and students. The application process will be explained over the summer.
- Proceeds from the Used Book Sale have not been added yet.
- Discussion of the line item for the musical.
- Spending on upkeep for the soccer field has been postponed because of the impending library and Janney construction. Discussion of whether we should resume regular upkeep such as reseeding and aerating.
- Motion made and seconded to approve the PTA budget for 2009-2010. The approved budget will be posted to the Janney website.

Presidents' Report, Co-President Rennie Anderson

- Two new presidents, Scott Cheney and Jonathan McHugh, will chair the next PTA meeting in September. Thanks go to board members for the past year, Principal Crews, and teachers who are leaving Janney.
- The PTA's summer mailing will go out in early August. Flyers for fall events should be sent to the new PTA presidents.
- Fundraising events for next year will include some from previous years and some new ones, including a Carnival in October.

LSRT Update, LSRT Chair Kirk Rankin

- The LSRT will continue to have monthly meetings. Cheryl Ohlson will be the new chair. Thank yous to Dr. Crews, the SIT members this year for their hard work, and to Lucy and Rennie.

New Business

- Comments from incoming principal Norah Lycknell, whose term will begin July 1. Included were an overview of her career in DCPS at the middle school and elementary school levels and her goals for Janney, including raising expectations of success, aligning actions with Janney's goals, and the importance of communication.

SIT Update, Jonathan McHugh

- The full SIT met last week and gave Janney's educational specifications to OPFM. OPFM responded with what they considered a reasonable plan, which incorporated most of the ideas. One more round of revisions will occur before the final. The educational specifications are on the Janney website. Andrew Smiles is collating comments.
- A SIT Facilities meeting will be held tomorrow.
- On Tuesday, June 16, there will be a community meeting at Janney to gather feedback from the community at large on Janney's renovation and addition.
- The selection of the architecture/engineering firm will occur within the next two weeks..
- Janney has been nominated as a Historical Landmark. There will be a meeting July 23 to see if this will go through. The SIT has discussed how this might impact the design process.
- Excavation is scheduled to begin in January, which may or may not happen.
- Within the ed specs, the SIT has made clear we would like to swing in space, and if we have to move students, to remain within one mile.
- More discussion of the Landmark designation process. The biggest concern is how it will impact the renovation schedule and design.
- Schools can undergo three phases of modernization. Mayor Fenty has promised Janney all three; the scheduling is what is up in the air.

PTA Awards Ceremony, Lisa Wackler and Anita Seline

- Thank yous presented to parents who have contributed much over their years at Janney and will not have a Janney student next year.

Meeting adjourned.