

May 12, 2009
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 Rennie Anderson at 7:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes from PTA Membership Meeting of April 14, 2009

Motion made and seconded to approve these minutes.

Principal's Report, Assistant Principal Carol Draper

- 4-H has been working on a legacy garden proposal for Janney's sixth graders. Students have already planted marigolds. Work has been coordinated with the Janney Outdoors committee; current fourth graders may become involved.
- The staff has been looking at the Professional Learning Community (PLC) action plan and reviewing the Local School Plan.

Presidents' Report, Lucy Smiles

- The presidents have been checking in with this year's committee chairs to see who is returning and finding volunteers to fill slots that are opening up.
- Work has also been continuing on finalizing the executive board slate and the PTA budget; these items will be addressed later in the meeting.

Report on Partnership with Webb-Wheatley, Lucy Smiles

Three main items so far: 1) include call for donating school supplies for Webb-Wheatley in the Janney summer mailing; 2) offer tutoring opportunities for parents; 3) find ways to get students involved with each other, maybe through Notebusters or the band. (Sterling Scroggins works at Webb-Wheatley.)

Report on SIT Facilities Committee, Jonathan McHugh

- Meeting held last Tuesday with the Office of Public Education Facilities Management to discuss issues related to educational specifications, construction, and historical designation. Current proposed schedule calls for an architect to be on board by mid-June, and the addition to be done by the end of the next school year.
- The next SIT meeting will be held on May 20. Comments from the Janney staff and community are due Friday COB. These comments will be filtered through the SIT and passed on to the person in charge of the ed specs.

Vote on PTA Executive Board Slate for Schoolyear 2009-2010

Presidents: Scott Cheney, Jonathan McHugh
Vice Presidents, Karen Harris, Pippa Trench
Treasurers: Gerry Gretschel, Dan Rosenthal

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Faculty Representatives: Maureen Leventhal, Fran McCrackin, Heather Roy
Secretaries: Elizabeth Levenson, Diane Schiff

Motion made and passed to elect this slate to the PTA executive board.

Presentation of Proposed PTA Budget, Gerry Gretschel

- The proposed budget, which will be voted on at the June PTA membership meeting, was based on input from committee chairs and Ann Beumel, Janney's business manager.
- Discussion of the income and expense items that have changed the most from last year's budget. Two Spanish teachers and a part-time nurse are the remaining PTA-funded positions. Based on Ann Beumel's previous experience with DCPS, some other line items have been bumped up in case DCPS reallocates funds from these areas to account for the money for staff members.
- New line items: Grant Program (grants to be given twice a year); Arts Collaborative (suggestion from Rona Walters to have four sets of arts-related assemblies to help pass on benefits from the program to all Janney students).
- Discussion of other possible additions to budget: 1) aides for upper-grade teachers; (2) having the Janney website rebuilt/updated to allow for more managers and more features. Karen Harris estimates several hundred hours would be needed for this.

Meeting adjourned.