

Janney Elementary School Parent Teacher Association
PTA Regular Meeting
March 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Reading and Approval of Minutes from PTA Meeting of January 19, 2010.

Minutes approved.

Principal's Report, Norah Lycknell

DCPS budget released after 1.5 mo delay. Will be reviewed with the LSRT next week. By month end there will be a Principal's Coffee to walk through budget decisions. Information will also be included in the newsletter. There are sufficient funds to have 22-23 kids in grades k-2 with the hire of new teachers. Projected enrollment for next year is 535. PTA can also help fund some items so budget money can be used for staff.

Treasurer's Report, Sheri Cohen

- We have raised 88% of targeted student support fee so far. Working toward getting 100%.
- Sally Foster raised about \$1000 so far and is still ongoing. Janney continues to get a portion of sales.
- Janney's Wild raised about \$15-16000.
- Auction will be held at AU Law School on Mass Ave on May 7.
- Spring raffle coincides with spring picnic.
- Expenses are on target.
- Approval of budget amendment presented to reallocate funds to better reflect current needs related to the enrichment program.
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President's Report, Norah Lycknell

- Carolla McGiffert is chairing the Auction. More donations are needed.
- Safe Routes to School program has evaluated areas around the school and provided ideas about making walking routes safer. One recommendation is to remove crosswalk in front of the school that is unsafe because of the hill. There is a proposal to make 42nd St. the entrance for daily arrival and departure. Information about this is available on the Janney website. People are encouraged to take a look the proposals and make comments.
- Help is needed cleaning out the PTA shed.
- Pre-bidding items for the auction when home in the THT today.

SIT Report, Norah Lycknell

- Please make sure to send THT envelopes back to school with your children.
- Expanded list of classes for after school came out today. JED has an agreement through the spring. On-line sign up begins at 6 pm this Sunday.

- The construction addition is slated to be ready at the end of June, including the certificate of occupancy. We will start moving back into the building in July.
- We will need packing help since demolition on the existing building begins in June 18, the day after school lets out.
- Janney administration will be located at Deal over the summer. All phone numbers stay the same.
- Parking garage construction is supposed to start next week. Tomorrow there will be a plan in place for recess because of the change in play space area. Land returned by the library is being mulched this week for play space. Norah is also working with Yuma to use also their outdoor space for play.
- After spring break we may not have lunch clubs and, instead, will take groups of kids to the AU field for lunch to give them more space to run around.
- Discussion and approval of changes to budget, including movement of funds and creation of a new line item for the enrichment program. The ultimate goal of the enrichment program is for it to be self-sufficient; however, currently the PTA is helping to fund teacher salaries and materials to get the program started. Discussion ensued about the enrichment program, its equity, and the current use of PTA funds.
- There will be a survey at the conclusion of this session of enrichment classes to obtain feedback and track the level of quality of each class.

Speaker:

Raising kids in a Digital World: Rules of the Road for Raising Digital Citizens

Dr. Ruth Zitner

Meeting Adjourned