

Thurgood Marshall PTA Board Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2015, 6:30-8:00pm

In Attendance: Donna Dugan, Jen Ellis, Jamie Fackler, Stacey Joanovic, Cliff Meyer, Lauri Nakamoto, Jenny Ott, Casey Sommers, Annette Sherr, Katie May, Mollie Huppert, Eldon Tam

Minutes -- Lauri

Annette made a motion to approve the November minutes. Jamie seconded it. The minutes were approved via voice vote.

Principal Report -- Katie

RULER program: This is a gradual roll-out as teachers learn first and then apply their learning in their classrooms. Many started with making a classroom charter -- what we want to feel, behaviors that work, what to do if not working, etc. The next RULER topic is the mood meter, which Katie explained briefly. (See attached handout.) Suggestion was made to have RULER as a principal coffee topic.

Technology Committee: This committee will have their third meeting this week and are currently working on curriculum standards for each grade level, which will be added to over time. A goal of the team is providing 1:1 devices for all 4th and 5th grade students. Technology directors from the district have been invited to come to Thursday's meeting to see what we may be able to do regarding the current approved devices. The next district technology building levy is coming soon, and we are expecting 116 new machines next year (but that includes library, computer lab, classroom presentation equipment, etc). This should help us acquire more devices, but we'll have to either fundraise or receive grants to meet the 1:1 device goal. The Board discussed whether grant-writing could begin now. We're not ready for the upper grades, but we could start applying for grants to get additional iPads for the younger grades.

Equity team: The team brainstormed ideas of people that could talk about different aspects of equity throughout the district at the next PTA general meeting and shared names with Casey.

Playground Ideas: Kimberlee sent Katie an article about playgrounds that focused on less structured play. Katie noted that someone from the district did a safety inspection earlier this year and they took our two slides. The district won't replace the slides, so nothing has happened yet since it needs to come out of the building fund. Board decided that technology is a higher priority for the PTA than a playground redesign/addition at this time.

General PTA Meeting on January 12th -- Casey, Jamie, Katie

The Board is planning to have an equity panel at our next TM General PTA Meeting on January 12th. The Board discussed panel make-up, potential discussion questions, and how to increase attendance. Donna spoke about the history of moving the APP program to this school and what this meant for TM, as Title 1 funding was a big issue at the time. The Board also discussed the meaning of equity at the district level and at TM. We plan to hold the meeting in the library, have pizza at the YMCA for kids, and use room parents to help publicize.

Ms. Gomez will also speak at the TM PTA General meeting about the TM Arts Team.

Enrichment Update-- Eldon, Mollie, Cliff

The bulk of the meeting was spent choosing an online provider for Enrichment Program registration. The committee had narrowed the choices to three options: Wufoo, Regfox, and Active. (See attached handout on back of agenda for details on each option.) The Board discussed the pros and cons of each option,

including the financial impact. The Board preferred the Active product, but ultimately voted for Regfox due to Active's higher cost and a three year required commitment for Active. Mollie said she would circle back with Active regarding the higher cost to see if there's any wiggle room. The committee is still on track to have the online registration ready for the January sign-ups. The Board also wants to continue to look into Parks and Rec for next year.

Communications Update-- Cliff

Cliff updated the Board on two volunteer issues for communications. Kimberlee is trying to find someone who could manage the outdoor bulletin board. We also haven't had any takers for the Pup Press editor position, so Cliff is going to directly email some potential volunteers.

Annual Giving Fund Update -- Jenny, Stacey

The AGF team sent out the Fall Campaign mailers and those are starting to come back in. We have had our first stock transfer. We have \$20K in matching funds for this campaign. No updated tally since the mailer just went out, but we should have something in January.

Special Education Update -- Donna, Annette

The annual safety inspection occurred and there were questions about some of our equipment. This will hopefully be resolved without any changes to our space. There is supposed to be a new delivery service model rolling out, according to the union VP, but the district isn't ready yet so no changes at present.

Meeting adjourned.