

Thurgood Marshall PTA Board Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2016, 6:30-8:00pm

In Attendance: Heather Bauer, Jen Ellis, Brenda Fackler, Jamie Fackler, Stacey Joanovic, Ben Kim, Cliff Meyer, Lauri Nakamoto, Jenny Ott, Casey Sommers, Annette Sherr, Katie May

Minutes -- Lauri

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

Principal Report -- Katie

Technology Committee: The last meeting of this committee will be held next week. The committee has done an inventory of all the technology equipment at TM and noted what is out of date or could be repurposed. This work will help us figure out what we need to acquire in the future. The goal of next week's meeting is to complete a request of PTA and staff to achieve future technology goals. The team is also making a framework for teachers to use to incorporate the TM technology curriculum at each grade level.

RULER program: As a "refresher", teachers will be visiting specific areas around TM with their classes and discussing expected behavior at these "hot spots".

January 20th Principal coffee: The primary topic will be the RULER program with Laurie and Ms. Kaloper giving an overview of RULER and how it fits into TM. There was a suggestion to videotape the coffee so that parents who can't attend will be able to watch it later. Board discussed how to make this happen, assuming we can find a volunteer. We will also kick off the TM Parent Book Club at this meeting. The plan is to set up a doodle poll to determine when parents prefer to meet and to use the same book as last year.

Program Names: Katie informed the Board of an effort to rebrand our HCC and General Education programs. We will be asking for input from staff and parents.

Events: Katie also gave us a heads up about two upcoming events: Primary Literacy Night for K/1 and Mathapalooza on a Thursday night in February or March.

President's Report -- Casey and Jamie

General Meeting Jan 12: The Board discussed the agenda and the format of the planned Race and Equity Panel to help make it more intimate and productive. The Board also discussed the best ways to promote the meeting to the widest possible audience.

Schools First Levy: The Board committed to donating \$500 to the Schools First Levy.

Enrichment: The online registration system is up and running for the current Fall Enrichment session. It is going well so far with just a small glitch today that was quickly fixed. We'll check to make sure that Percy is picking up the paper registration forms in the office. We also need to make a quick fix to allow parents to donate scholarships online. We'll check back in at the February meeting as we plan for the Spring Enrichment session.

Tours: We have parent tours coming up and we'll send an email out for volunteers to lead the tours.

Volunteers & Events -- Brenda

Kimberlee is still looking for volunteers for the Pancake Breakfast and Art Walk. Brenda is helping lead the event, working with the event chair, Rose. The Board discussed the promotion of the pancake breakfast within the community and the permitting process required.

Brenda has also created a "Cleanup Checklist" for all events to make sure we leave the school appropriately.

Annual Giving Fund -- Heather, Jenny & Stacey

The December Challenge Match has been very successful. We had \$30K to match and we raised \$33,500. We're at about \$90K of our goal of \$160K. We'll have more info about the March Challenge options at the February meeting.

Communications -- Cliff

Cliff is still acting as the Pup Press Editor. Kimberlee has agreed to be the outdoor message board lead. Cliff is also looking into fleshing out the website a bit more, including staff emails and photos & pages for our TM clubs.

Meeting adjourned.