

Thurgood Marshall PTA Board Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2016, 6:30-8:00pm

In Attendance: Daphne Dejanikus, Donna Dugan, Jen Ellis, Brenda Fackler, Jamie Fackler, Stacey Joanovic, Ben Kim, Cliff Meyer, Lauri Nakamoto, Casey Sommers, Annette Sherr, Katie May, Sudeshna Shen, Eldon Tam

Minutes -- Lauri

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

February 8th Levy -- Casey

The Board unanimously voted to publicly support the February 8th, 2016 school levies.

PTA Enrichment -- Eldon

Eldon gave an update on the enrichment online registration which began this quarter. We processed \$36,800 and 291 registrations through the system. Percy entered all the paper forms. Eldon took questions and feedback from the Board. Overall, it has been a big success. Instructors and parents have found it to be much easier and administrative time has been reduced. The only issue mentioned was complexity for parents with multiple kids. Eldon also noted that now we have the data, we know that we don't have very many general education students taking enrichment classes. The Board discussed how to increase General Education student participation. One idea was to add another free class in the morning instead of trying to increase participation for paid enrichment classes. We also want to move to a check in/check out system for each class for better security. There is a small group actively working on best practices for safety, etc. for our enrichment program. Remaining items: Eldon will create a privacy statement on the website and a privacy statement for the instructors. He will also make a few tweaks and streamline the process a bit. The Board also discussed how to handle paper vs. online timing for popular classes. Lastly, eliminating the gap between sessions would help working parents, but would make each class more expensive. We are planning to include questions about the enrichment program in our parent survey to help guide our decisions.

Principal Report -- Katie

TM Arts Film: Sudeshna, Daphne, and Ben have been working on a film to highlight the arts at TM. This film will be helpful in applying for grants, showing to prospective parents, fundraising, etc. It will be a five to eight minute movie showing how all kids are involved in the arts at TM and how it informs their education. They have set a May 1st deadline, with a rough cut due in mid-April. Sudeshna has interviewed people at the school and outside the school with lots of film of all the classrooms and activities. The Board voted to fund \$500 of the movie expenses so that they can get a matching grant through Creative Advantage.

Technology Committee: The technology committee is nearing the finish line. Their Feb 11th meeting will focus on finalizing three proposals for future technology at TM (good, better, best). We will have a technology committee member at next month's board meeting to discuss these proposals. The Board discussed the deadlines and the current budget constraints. Timing-wise, early June is the deadline for putting in a technology order to the district. The Board agreed that we need to reach our \$160K fundraising goal for this year before we can devote any additional fundraising to technology.

Principal Coffee Online: Sudeshna will help with editing the January 20th principal coffee footage and making it accessible for parents.

Equity Meeting on February 11th -- Jamie and Katie

Katie was recently interviewed by Ann Dornfeld from KUOW on equity and HCC. The interview should air in March. The February 11th equity meeting will focus on the topic of “What can we do at TM regarding equity?” The goal of the meeting is to determine three items: 1) Biggest concerns for our community, 2) What actions can we take, and 3) Secure commitments from people to work on these actions. The Board discussed the agenda and the main activities and outreach proposals.

TM Parent Survey -- Casey

Board decided to discuss the parent survey questions over email due to time crunch. We plan to run the survey from February 18th through the following Friday. We will also distribute paper copies to all the general education classes.

Budget and Annual Giving Fund -- Jen and Stacey

The budget committee is in good shape with four people signed up to help out. The Board discussed the timeline for different budget decisions and we are currently on track. Stacey noted that the Annual Giving Fund team was optimistic about reaching our fundraising goal for this year. We will have a much better idea of our probability for success after our March Madness promotion.

Meeting adjourned.