

Thurgood Marshall PTA Board Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2016, 6:30-8:30pm

In Attendance: Daphne Dejanikus, Jen Ellis, Stacey Joanovic, Ben Kim, Cliff Meyer, Lauri Nakamoto, Karen Pinkard, Annette Sherr, Casey Sommers, Trinia Washington, Katie May

Welcome -- Lauri & Casey

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

Casey welcomed Trinia to the board and introduced the rest of the board.

Principal's Report -- Katie

YMCA: We are planning to continue the before and after school program at TM even though we lost the current building space to classrooms. Katie is meeting with facilities to look at our available space options. Her best guess is that it will be “YMCA on a cart” in the cafeteria.

Next Year's Schedule: We are trying to integrate social studies for all grade levels as part of our equity initiative. We discussed also integrating our PCP classes, but it's harder to do that due to reporting requirements.

Equity Teams: The equity teams are moving forward and getting in touch with Katie, so we'll see what comes back in April. There has been a parent suggestion to do an “Equity 101 at TM” program in the Fall for parents.

Miscellaneous: We've scheduled an extra tour for prospective parents on Monday, April 25th. We've publicized the SBAC testing schedule and there have been few opt outs so far. The staff also completed a review of student data, and our interventions are more systematic and prolonged based on this data. Lastly, we're getting data back on our literacy tutors and they are making a big difference.

Budget and Annual Giving Fund -- Jen & Stacey

AGF: Our March Matchness goal of \$15K has been met. We're close to our stretch goal for this promotion with two days left to go. The Board brainstormed ways to promote giving, including publicizing participation percentage by grade or sending out emails from parents in each classroom to make the request more personalized. We still need \$18K to reach our overall goal of \$160K.

Budget Committee Report: Jen led us through the draft budget for next year. The Board discussed the different line items and the shortfall for next year, along with potential adjustments. Jen took the Board recommendations, including adding grant income, reducing Amazon income, etc. and will come back to next month's meeting with an updated draft. We don't currently plan to increase the AGF goal for next year.

Co-President's Report -- Casey & Trinia

Enrichment Meeting: The Enrichment team pulled together an Enrichment Best Practices document (see attached.) The Board reviewed this document and gave feedback.

Equity Action Teams: Trinia reiterated that the teams are making progress and we're expecting more info in April.

5th Grade Promotion and Legacy Projects: We have teams of volunteers working on both of these projects.

Opportunity grant: The Board voted to approve Mr. Shin's recess equipment grant.

Bulk supplies: There are two parent volunteers who are interested in looking into a bulk school supply program for TM. The Board set a deadline of the May board meeting to review any proposal for next year.

Nominating Committee – Jen, Ben and Casey

The Board reviewed all the remaining open positions and discussed potential candidates. Casey assigned a board member to contact each potential candidate to assess their interest. See back of attached agenda for list of open positions.

Meeting adjourned.