

Thurgood Marshall PTA Board Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2016, 6:30-8:15pm

In Attendance: Karen Pinkard, Jen Ellis, Sabrina Kovacs-Storlie, Merilee Hudson, Devin Bruckner, Heather Bauer, Zakiya Tyson, Kimberlee Barber, Lauri Nakamoto, Stacey Joanovic

Minutes -- Stacey

Lauri made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. Karen seconded it. The minutes were approved via voice vote.

Principal's Report – Sabrina

This year's theme "sharing our stories" comes from the integration of social studies.

Our staff have had 3 days of teacher in-service before the start of the school year where they shared goals and rewrote the staff charter. The new staff charter will guide the making of classroom charters. Over the summer, the staff reviewed the book titled "First Six Weeks of School". Our staff will be looking to create stronger relationships across all of the school not just their individual classrooms. The remaining in service days before the start of school will include positive discipline training, the new focus program, and district training and instruction.

Staffing: We have hired 7 new teachers – 2nd grade, 2/3 grade split, 3 - 4th grade, 5th grade, .5 PE. Currently enrollment is at 562. The YMCA building remodeling is near completion and the building will house two new classrooms.

Social Studies: Integration of social studies is a superintendent policy. They created a special waiver for our school. Teachers will share information during curriculum night. Parents and teachers will have the opportunity to join a steering committee for social studies blending.

Jen and Karen are scheduled to talk with staff tomorrow about directory forms. Marilee suggested reviewing reimbursement for teachers for classroom grants.

President Report– Karen

Karen is creating a PTA timeline master document that will be located on SharePoint. The document would include PTA event details, deadlines, laws, insurance, etc. This master document will be handed down to future PTA boards. She is asking board members to add to the document or to email Karen the details.

Vice President Report - Lauri

Lauri reviewed that we need to approve the standing rules each year. The Board was given an email copy of the standing rules and an email copy with amendments. Hard copies were made available.

Devin suggested putting in an equity liaison in the list of board members in section 10.

Lauri motioned to amend the standing rules as noted in email version. Karen seconded the motion.

Amendments will be posted before the October general meeting and will need approval at the general meeting.

Treasurer Report - Jen

Jen led a discussion on how classroom grants will be assigned for “new” teachers vs. old teachers with new grade classrooms. A list will be obtained from Katie who should be considered a “new” teacher for classroom grants. Jen will adjust the budget accordingly.

Fundraising Report - Heather

Heather has been looking at small scale online donor databases to track the Annual Fund donations. She would like to use one by Little Green Light. It is well liked by other non profits and suits our needs. The board had a short discussion about using an online database. Heather will reach out to other local PTAs that have used the online database.

Heather announced that Stacey Kryman, an incoming first grade parent, will be a fundraising co-chair.

The first big fundraising campaign will beginning November/December.

Volunteer Needs - Kimberlee

Staff Breakfast: Kimberlee needs a few more volunteers to bring in fresh fruit for the staff breakfast tomorrow.

Packet Stuffing: She would like as many members as possible for packet stuffing morning of 6th September and will have Cliff send out email with start time.

Parent Ambassadors: Parent ambassadors are needed at the flagpole during drop off and pick up September 8th, 9th and 12th. The 12th is for the first day of kindergarten. Parent ambassadors will be there to answer any questions parents may have on the first couple of days of school. Karen will be there.

Picture Day: Kimberlee will most likely need to find at least six parents to help with Picture day, 27th September. She will add Picture day volunteers to the ice cream social and first day sign up volunteer lists.

Sports Coordinator: Kimberlee will add to the volunteer lists a sports coordinator. It could be someone who would like to coordinate one or more sports event for Mariners, Sounders, Reign or any other sports team that has interest.

Other

Directory: Directory forms will be available to fill out online through the website or in person at the ice cream social. The form will not be in the first day packets.

T-shirt sales: This year we will not be giving out t-shirts to every student. Order forms will get sent out later this fall.

Bulk School Supplies: Board discussed John Muir and Leschi ordering their school supplies in bulk. Heather will talk with Leschi to see how they did their bulk ordering and will report to board at September or October meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:15.