

Thurgood Marshall PTA Board Meeting Minutes

November 1st, 2016, 6:30-8:00pm

In Attendance: Katie May, Sabrina Kovacs-Storlie, Jen Ellis, Merilee Hudson, Cliff Meyer, Karen Pinkard, Lauri Nakamoto, Stacey Kryman, Zakiya Tyson, Heather Bauer, Donna Dugan, Stacey Joanovic

Principal report – Katie

Staff Update: Our staffing has increased by 0.2 EFT resource staff and 0.1 IA for the resource room. Professional development is focusing on good teaching. Teachers are rotating to observe other teachers. Teachers will be observing and discussing specific teaching practices after school with “Movie Mondays” with Marcie.

Social studies: TM is looking create a curriculum and have been working with the social studies department to teach from diverse perspectives. Teachers are connecting ELA to work on writing non-fiction across content. 5th grade students are learning about the electoral system. They have created and will vote on their fictitious candidates.

Taproot Theatre: This Friday Taproot Theatre will be performing at TM. The performance is part of the schools anti-bullying program.

Staff Equity Team: This Saturday the TM Staff Equity team will be presenting TM’s work at the John Stanford Center.

Math Nights: Katie and Sabrina suggested that the general meeting on Pi Day have a math theme – “growing mathematicians”. TM is planning a separate STEM night.

President and Vice President Report – Karen and Lauri

Bulk Ordering: Lauri reported that Molly has pricing for the bulk ordering that can be shared at December meeting. Karen and Lauri will meet with Molly ahead of board meeting. Board discussed that pricing should be based on idea that not all families are able to pay and that the PTA would not fund the bulk order.

General Meetings: The March 2017 general meeting will be math themed as it falls on PI day. The board discussed possible options for speakers for the remaining general meetings.

PCC Scrip Cards: Lauri has obtained the scrip cards and has already sold many at the October general meeting. Lauri plans to sell them at the dance.

Board Meetings: Lauri led a discussion about scheduling the remaining board meetings. Board discussed moving meetings to the 2nd Tuesday of the month because of the conflict with HCC-AC meetings. Lauri will send email with a new set of remaining dates for 2016-2017 board meetings.

Minutes - Stacey J.

Stacey to clarify with Katie the “focus group” section in the October meeting minutes. October meeting minutes will need approval at next board meeting.

Events Update - Zakiya

Volunteers: Zakiya reported that volunteering has been light. The board discussed how to help find chairs for pancake breakfast, bingo night and games night.

Fall Dance: Kimberlee is chairing the dance with help from Laura Peterson. There are volunteers signed up for the event.

Book fair - Merilee

Merilee shared with the board the history behind the running and money handling of the book fair. Merilee requested that the PTA sponsor the book fair, Merilee will manage the book fair, and that the money received be spent by June by the library. Lauri made a motion to have the book fair funding through the PTA. Karen seconded it. It was approved via voice vote.

Annual Giving Fund – Heather and Stacey K.

Heather and Stacey reported that they have been working to build a winter match campaign. They are planning to send a letter via mail to kick start the campaign in a couple of weeks. Board discussed possible letter stuffing during parent-teacher conferences.

Treasurer Update - Jen

Jen informed the board that we need to renew our insurance policy. The insurance policy included a new portion for terrorism insurance. Board discussed and agreed to decline the terrorism insurance portion.

Communications Update – Cliff

Cliff announced that we are switching email to Mail Chimp.

Equity Teams Update – Cliff

Cliff shared the Equity Teams update for Hannah and Devin. Two weeks ago there was an Equity Teams meeting. At the meeting, some teams retired and some new teams were formed. The new teams were announced in the Pup Press and the website. The current teams are focused on: advocacy and Title 1 funding, academic integration, all families welcome at school events, field trips, increasing diversity in HCC, supporting and strengthening general education at TM (new), improving experience for kids and families of color (new), and gender imbalance (new).

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm.