

Thurgood Marshall PTA Board Meeting Minutes

December 13th, 2016, 6:30-8:00pm

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

Minutes - Stacey J.

Stacey reviewed changes made to the Principal's Report section of the October minutes. Lauri made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes as amended. Karen seconded it. The minutes were approved via voice vote.

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

Principal report – Sabrina

Homework Survey – Sabrina shared the results of the homework survey that was sent to TM parents following the September principal coffee chat. She reported that the survey revealed a wide range of opinion on homework. All survey results are posted on the tmlink.org website. Sabrina shared that the next steps will be conversations with staff to make a more consistent approach towards homework and bridging the gap between families and teachers.

District Budget Shortfall – Sabrina discussed the district budget shortfall and the district suggesting an approximate ten percent reduction in funds across every classroom. The board discussed how parents could advocate by writing letters to the legislature. Karen and Cliff will look at how the Seattle PTA is responding and will look to draft an advocacy letter to share with the TM community.

Choir Stipend – Sabrina discussed all the work involved in managing two extracurricular TM choirs. TM is increasing their budget for the choir stipend and would like the PTA to increase their stipend contribution. The PTA stipend contribution would increase from \$750/year to \$2000/year. Lauri motioned to increase the choir stipend. Jen seconded it. A yearly choir stipend of \$2000 was approved via voice vote. The board discussed future options of having a “suggestion donation” for choir participation.

Bulk Supply Ordering – Molly

Molly presented potential bulk ordering of school supplies for TM. Molly presented pricing done through office depot, amazon and Costco using the current supply list (see attached handouts). Board discussed managing and storing of supplies, and talking with teachers about their supply needs. Sabrina suggested having a standardize list with prices for teachers to “order” from and suggested talk to teachers around February or March.

***Stacey J. left meeting and Karen recorded remaining meeting minutes ***

Treasurer's Update – Jen

Jen explained that there is difference of \$16K in the 2015-2016 fourth quarter invoice from the district. Our contract with the district is to pay for one tutor however we were billed for two tutors. We had an agreement with Katie to pay for two tutors. Jen suggested we pay for both tutors and use part of our prior years unrestricted carryover and part the 2014-2015 unspent dollars. Lauri made a motion to pay the full invoice amount of \$16,340. Heather seconded it. The motion was approved via voice vote.

Events and Volunteer Update – Zakiya and Kimberlee

Pancake Breakfast: Rose Zhu has volunteered to lead the pancake breakfast. Kim Echols, TM parent and Lunchroom Manager, will oversee food safety and café. Kimberlee will create sign-up genius for event volunteers.

Other: It was suggested that we fund pizza for PTA event volunteers.

Communications Update – Cliff

Cliff reported that we switched to using Mail Chimp for PTA e-blasts.

Staff Update – Merilee

Merilee reported that the book fair was a success. It resulted in a \$3,033 profit, \$1,685 worth of books given away, and \$1,300 for library to spend.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm.