

DRAFT -- Thurgood Marshall PTA Board Meeting Minutes

April 4th, 2017, 6:30-8:00pm

In Attendance: Lauri Nakamoto, Molly Harris, Jen Ellis, Vanessa Goldberg, Donna Dugan, Karen Pinkard, Merilee Hudson, Cliff Meyer, Katie May, Stacey Joanovic, Heather Bauer

Minutes - Stacey J.

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

Molly – Bulk Supplies

Molly shared the plan for bulk ordering of school supplies for TM. Molly shared her spreadsheet where teachers can fill out numbers of items needed and see how much money they are spending. Teachers can share needs in June. Board discussed informing parents: May/June through Pup Press, August in welcome letter (instead of supply lists), September with a contribution envelop at Ice Cream Social.

Principal Report – Katie/Sabrina

Katie announced that the district has received \$24M back to their budget. TM will now only lose 1 core teaching staff though Katie will petition to receive this 1 mitigated staff position. As well, TM may have less split classes and reduced classroom size, that previously planned. We will not lose any of our staff members now because of natural attrition.

Katie shared that TM will have the opportunity to apply for a social studies waiver for next school year.

Katie reported that Kindergarten Jump Start will take place August 21st – 25th and registration forms will be available after spring break.

Staff Update – Merilee

Merilee reported that the fifth graders are away at Camp Orkila and classes are participating in many field trips. The March Reading Challenge was successful and as a result there are many celebrations.

President's Report – Karen

The board discussed showing the documentary Screenagers at the May 16th General meeting.

The board reviewed the open board positions and discussed potential candidates. Cliff will publicize specific roles in the Pup Press. The board discussed that candidates should have an understanding that they must attend meetings to be a voting board member so that we can have quorum at board meetings.

Karen announced that we plan to place “welcoming calls” to all new families to TM, per last year.

Karen and Donna suggested renewing the playground equipment and researching grants that could fund the project.

Annual Giving Fund Update – Heather

Heather announced that we've raised approximately \$138K and we're really close to meeting the March Matchness goal. The last main promotion for AGF will be the May GiveBig campaign. The focus of the campaign will depend if we've met our \$160K AGF goal.

Heather reported that the new database has been easy and straightforward to use.

Events and Volunteer Update – Karen

Karen reported that Bingo Night is April 28th and Vanessa volunteered to chair the event.

Karen also reported that Staff Appreciation Week is the week of May 1st – 5th and Kat Barr has volunteered to chair the event.

Donna - SpEd

Nothing new to report.

Communications Update – Cliff

Cliff reported that our website provider has solved the issues and our website is now running okay. Our AGF and enrichment were not affected by our website because we use separate websites to maintain these services.

Equity Update – Hannah/Devin

Katie reported that Hannah and Devin have been unable to attend board meetings and are interested in writing an update on equity at TM for Katie to present. The board discussed the need to have an Equity Action Team member attend PTA board meetings to increase communication between the Equity Action Team and the PTA.

Treasurer's Update – Jen

The board discussed the BFASG opportunity grant request. The board would like to help make the group successful. The board discussed adding a budget line item for community involvement including Equity Action Team and BFASG. The plan would be that these groups would have funds for meetings and not necessarily need to apply for opportunity grants.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm.