

**Thurgood Marshall PTA Board Meeting Minutes**  
May 9th, 2017, 6:30-8:00pm

**In Attendance:** Lauri Nakamoto, Jen Ellis, Venessa Goldberg, Karen Pinkard, Merilee Hudson, Cliff Meyer, Katie May, Stacey Joanovic, Heather Bauer, Kimberlee Barber, Donna Dugan

**Minutes - Stacey J.**

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

**Principal Report – Katie**

*Program Names:* Katie announced that the BLT have decided to change the name of the TM general education program to the Scholars program.

*Continuous School Improvement Plan:* Katie reported that the district is asking schools to update their CSIP each spring. Normally TM makes changes based on survey data that is available later in the year. Because this data is not available in the spring, TM will refresh their CSIP. TM is planning to include a homework policy with this refresh.

*Building Leadership Team:* TM is looking for BLT representatives from the Special Education and HCC programs.

*Advanced Learning:* All 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students have completed universal testing. TM may have some new students in September from of this testing session. Nominations for next year's testing cycle for Advanced Learning will begin May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Giving Fund Update – Heather**

Heather announced that the Annual Giving Fund is very close to reaching its goal of \$160K. The last main fundraising event will be tomorrow with GiveBig and we're looking to raise \$5K.

**Treasurer's Update – Jen**

Jen reviewed the draft budget (see attached). Board discussed line items and differences from this year's budget. Budget highlights include: Annual Giving Fund increase to \$170K, 2) Grant money goals similar to this year, 3) increasing the enrichment fee, 4) charging a suggested registration fee for choir to support the teacher stipend. The Board discussed possible cuts including PTA meeting expenses and staff funding expenses.

Jen reviewed the treasurer's report (see attached). We are on track for last year's budget. Classroom libraries haven't been fully spent. Cliff suggested having a deadline for spending so that have a good idea of spending for the next year budget. Our unrestricted carryover will be needed for our reserve next year to cover to increase in salaries.

**Board positions – Jen**

Jen handed out a list of PTA Volunteer Positions. The Board reviewed all open positions and discussed potential candidates.

### **Staff Update – Merilee**

Merilee announced that June 2<sup>nd</sup> marks the summer reading kick off for primary grades.

Merilee reported that the two new laptop carts are working well. Next year will be the first full year with the laptop carts and it will be exciting to see the effect of technology on student learning.

### **President’s Report – Karen**

*May General PTA meeting:* The Board reviewed the draft agenda for the May PTA general meeting. We are planning on a showing of the movie “Screenagers”. We have reached out to Bailey Gatzert and Leschi to attend the free showing of the movie at 7pm. Karen will reach out to John Muir too.

*Summer Planning:* We will be organizing Grade Level meetups during summer open library times. The library will be open every Tuesday from 4-7pm with Mr. Zetterberg. The Board also plans to place “welcoming calls” to all new families and will begin on Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Events and Volunteer Update – Kimberlee**

Kimberlee announced volunteer positions for the Move-a-thon (June 9<sup>th</sup>), End of Year Grade Level Picnics (June 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>), and Field Day (June 16<sup>th</sup>).

### **Donna - SpEd**

Donna announced that we will have some staffing shifts because of changes in needs or short term funded positions. She reported that our programs will be at capacity or beyond and that a number of students will attend TM through open enrollment. We will remain with one focus classroom unless enrollment exceeds five students beyond capacity.

### **Communications Update – Cliff**

Nothing new to report.

### **Equity Update – Hannah/Devin**

Devin sent an Equity Update via email (see attached).

### **Legislative Update - Venessa**

*Bell Time Advocacy:* The Levy Oversight Committee will announce if there will be money to switch the district to a two-tier bell time schedule. Once this is known, the district will decide whether TM will have a start time of 8AM or 9AM for the 2017/2018 school year.

**Meeting adjourned 8:00pm.**

**From:** "Devin Bruckner (Erhardt)" <devinbruckner@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: TM PTA Board meeting this Tuesday the 9th  
**Date:** May 9, 2017 at 4:38:36 pm PDT

## Equity Action Team Update

- **The last Equity Action Teams meeting of the year will be Wednesday May 24 6-8pm in the TM Library.** Childcare is available by contacting Sterling at the YMCA. Students are also welcome to attend the Equity Action Teams meeting if they would like to become involved. The Equity Action Leadership Team (Casey Summers, Trinia Washington, Angie Jenkins, Devin Bruckner, Katie May) is meeting next week to plan for the meeting.
- **The Racial Equity In HCC group**

-- **This group has a large group meeting in the TM Library tomorrow, Wednesday 5/10 from 6-8 pm.** All are welcome. At that meeting they share updates on progress, plan for next year, etc.

-- In advanced of the HCC Program Review starting next fall, the group is planning to launch an effort to attend board meetings, speak at board meetings, and have members present at board meetings to ask for equity issues to a priority in the review process.

-- The district is making some changes in admissions and recruitment approach in response to the group's efforts. A list of New Initiatives from the SPS Advanced Learning Office (shared by Stephan Martin at the HC Advisory Committee meeting) is [here](#) (and attached). While we are not sure how much these efforts will move the needle on the racial disproportionality, we appreciate the progress and steps. Of particular note the district (and our group) is hoping to improve results from the screening of all 2nd graders in all Title I (and a number of other) schools, as in prior years very, very few children have become eligible few this process.

- **Follow-up on Undoing Racism Workshop March 28.** Overall, we heard generally positive feedback (as well as some possible ways it could have been better). A few people mentioned that it would be good/interesting to continue this conversation, possibly by having future conversations a General PTA meeting.
- **Black Family Advocacy Support Group** - I didn't get an official update from this group, but know they have a meeting coming up later in May, and are exploring how to encourage a larger number of black parents to be involved in the group, to understand barriers, etc. The BFASG has also been connecting with the Racial Equity in HCC Group, to explore more ways to work together, support each others work, etc.
- **Next Year** - Casey Summers will be the PTA liaison from the Equity Action Leadership Team. We are exploring how to have a greater presence at the board meetings and connection with the PTA, per the discussion noted in the notes from last board meeting. Overall, we want to increase communication and coordination with the PTA and are thinking about how to do that, and realize it's hard when we are not coming to the board meetings.
- Katie may have more notes to add on many of these items?