
Thurgood Marshall PTA, Board Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2014, 6:30 - 8:30pm

In Attendance: Sharmila Williams, Julian Janak, Wendy Eckert, Annette Sherr, Donna Dugan, Brindy Bundesmann, Scott Engan, Tasha Irvine, Christine Helm

Tasha motioned to approve minutes from February and Julia seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Tutu's Pantry Update:

Some of Tutu's Pantry money is being used to buy snacks for kids that need them. Leave it to the discretion of the teachers to distribute snacks to those students (or whole classes) who need them.

Status of Principal Hiring Committee:

Productive mtg. last night which discussed the characteristics we would like for our incoming principal for 2014-15. Four parents have expressed interest in being on committee, three APP parents, one ALO, and Annette will represent the PEACE Academy. We should also have alternates to serve on this committee. Interviews will take place on 3/27 or 3/28, with an evening training taking place the week prior.

Update on Board Positions for 2014-15:

Positions still open are - Co-President, Secretary, Communications Chair, Fundraising Chair, Membership Chair, Pup Press Editor, PP Distribution, Webmaster, Bulletin Board Manager, Library Volunteer Coordinator, and various event chairs.

We will advertise on TM website for open positions and in Pup Press with a link to review open positions.

Follow up to CPPS Update:

Looking into partnering with Community and Parents Public Schools—Tasha looking into partnering with other schools (Leschi and Bailey Gatzert) for trainings this week. Funds may be available for trainings.

Golden Acorn Award:

Volunteers who have given outstanding time above and beyond. Let's nominate our outstanding volunteers at TM. Perhaps give the award at 5th grade promotion or an assembly. Educator awards as well—we'd like to include Julie.

Taco Time Coupons:

Donna will send leftovers back in April. Approx. \$55 made to date.

Agenda for March PTA Mtg:

- Stephan Blanford, SPS Board Director, being invited to next mtg.
- Teachers to talk about exciting things going on in classroom
- Principal candidates to meet general population (finalists) and get to know school culture.

Adding PTA Board Mtg. for 6/5 at 6:30—new board members will be invited to attend.

Principal's Report:

Budget Planning - we have allocated 19 teachers (last year 20) and 1 Assistant Principal based on our projected numbers for enrollment. We don't know how many families might move to Fairmont Park. Will likely ask PTA to fund a .5 librarian and .6 counselor. FT art, music and PE are allocated to us. An upcoming BLT Meeting will help with budget decisions.

Teacher hiring process/timeline - internal applicants can begin applying on 4/15 for three open positions. Christine is reaching out to families to get trained committee members for hiring process.

BLT Update - we are advertising to replace Perry's position.

Treasurer's Report:

Two candidates interested on being on budgeting committee with Brindy. Need wish lists from staff for next year. Projectors have been purchased and installed for 2nd floor. The project came in a bit under budget. They have been purchased for 1st floor, but we need the funds to install.

Annual Fund Update:

(See Casey Sommers' attachment)

Communications Report:

Christine sent out Pup Press today and it came through successfully. The "Fun Facts" section is a hit. The new speed bumps are being installed during spring break.

Volunteer Report:

Several upcoming events that are being advertised are: BINGO Night on 4/4 with PTA pizza and white elephant 5:30 dinner, 6:00-7:00 BINGO; Mariner's Game on 4/27—Janet Chung leading sales of 80 tickets for \$11 each. \$200 scholarship fund set aside for event; Game Night sponsored by PTA and Blue Highway games - we need 11 volunteers to help set up; Teacher Appreciation Week takes place the week of May 5th; and Field Day—June 13th—need a chair for this event.

New oven and stove found for staff lounge—need truck and delivery.

Need some sleeping bags washed to prep for storage.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.