

Draft - Thurgood Marshall PTA Meeting
March 14, 2017
6:30-8:00 PM

Attendees (as listed on sign-in sheets): Bill Brewster, Lauri Nakamoto, Traci Adair, Carolyn Pugh, Lita Hawkins, JoyAnn Pardo, Mary Kimball, Chuck Ely, Kat Barr, Walter, Briktawite Yimer, Lopsang, Sabrina Kovacs-Storlie, Katie May, Cliff Meyer, Karen Pinkard, Stacey Joanovic

Welcome, Upcoming Calendar and PTA Business – Karen Pinkard, President

Karen welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefly reviewed the upcoming PTA events at TM (See attached agenda for event list or tmlink.org).

Karen announced that all PTA Board positions are open each year and encouraged those interested in volunteering to visit the website for position descriptions or contact any of the current PTA board members directly. Karen introduced the board nominated 2017-2018 Election Committee for the PTA Board positions. The committee is made up of TM parents Jen Ellis, Angie Jenkins, Laura Peterson and Ann McNally. Kat Barr made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 Election Committee. Carolyn Pugh seconded the motion. The 2017-2018 Election Committee was approved via voice vote.

Karen updated everyone on our fundraising progress for the Annual Giving Fund. The March Matchness fundraising campaign is going on for the month of March. We still need to raise \$65K to meet our \$160K goal. Karen reminded everyone the many areas that are funded through the AGF.

Lauri Nakamoto made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2017 general membership meeting. Cliff Meyer seconded the motion. The January minutes were approved via voice vote.

School Report – Katie May, Principal

Katie encouraged everyone to attend the Equity Action Team meeting next week. The teams will be connecting and talk about the work they are doing.

Katie announced the TM Community Night on Thursday April 6th. In past years, the evening event was Multi Cultural Night. Community night is for families to feel connected and share their family heritage.

Katie updated everyone on the district budget shortfall. She explained that with current numbers we will lose 3 core teachers, 0.5 non-core teaching staff and the 0.5 PE position. She explained that these numbers will result in bigger class sizes and six split classrooms. She shared that teachers will work together and make the split classes work for students. We will focus on collaboration and building culture and we would really like everyone to be kind, caring and showing support for our teachers. She, explained that though district has announced that the Levy Cliff has been extended and there will likely be approximately \$30M back into the budget for teaching positions, we won't know more after we return from Spring Break. Katie answered questions for the general membership.

Guest Speaker – Sabrina Kovacs-Storlie, A Slice of Pi: Promoting Love of Math in School and Life

Sabrina spoke about the standards for student mathematical practice that are used in Kindergarten through 12th Grade. The standards are: 1) make sense of problems and persevere in solving them; 2) reason abstractly and quantitatively; 3) construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning to others; 4) model with mathematics; 5) use appropriate tools strategically; 6) attend to precision; 7) look for and make use of structure; and 8) look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

Sabrina shared several math problems/games and many resources for families. See attached handouts.