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Thurgood Marshall PTA, Board Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2014, 6:30-8:00pm

In Attendance: Brindy Bundesmann, Donna Dugan, Jennifer Ellis, Scott Engan, Tasha Irvine, Stacey Joanovic, Ben Kim, Cliff Meyer, Lauri Nakamoto, Jenny Ott, Annette Sherr, Casey Sommers, Maggie Trapp, Katie May

Co-Presidents Report -- Casey Sommers and Tasha Irvine

CPPS parent Leadership Training will be held here at TM this coming Saturday. So far we have 32 non-PTA people rsvp'd, which is great.

We agreed to move the December meeting to Monday the 8th at Brindy's house due to a conflict with the APP-AC. We also need to move the January meeting and we're proposing Monday the 12th. Tasha will follow up via email to nail down the January date.

We reviewed the draft agenda for the November PTA General meeting.

The October minutes were approved.

Principal's Report -- Katie May

A student climate survey is happening November 10th in the library and art room. It takes about 20 minutes per classroom. Data should come back in a month or so. A second survey will be taken in the Spring.

We had our first data team meeting regarding our discipline referrals. We are on a downward trend, which is great. We're still focusing on recess and trying to find more ways to blend and integrate kids from different classes and programs. We've also been looking at lunch and recess timing, which so far seems to be working okay. New conflict mediators have been trained and they'll be out at recess as well.

Arts team is meeting on November 10th with the goal of having a mission and then developing goals at their following meeting.

We spent our last early dismissal time focused on math. We're studying the current standards for each grade and creating rigorous assessments.

Katie met with our school board member, Stephan Blanford, and he will likely come for a parent coffee in the future. Superintendent Nyland will be coming for a parent coffee on December 11th.

Our school's boundaries are increasing with the latest proposed district boundary changes. This will result in an addition of 90 students by 2017, which will lead to capacity issues that still need to be worked out.

Opportunity Grant - Casey Sommers

We discussed the opportunity grant submitted for maps for the 5th grade classrooms. We voted to approve the grant. Katie will check with Alison Miller, as she may be the only 4th or 5th grade classroom without new maps. We discussed having a bias to support grants that will benefit a large number of students across programs and not single classrooms.

Treasurer's Report -- Brindy Bundesmann

Budget looks good as of Oct. 31st. Brindy led a discussion re: the new standing rule regarding reserve requirement and what that will look like for the budget over the next 2 years. In January,

we will likely have a deeper budget discussion as we start to plan for next year.

Annual Giving Fund Update -- Jenny Ott

We had a great October, partially due to the matching program. Everything received today is roughly \$64K (out of goal of \$130K). 92 families have participated (roughly a third). Another match is planned for December. We're also working to find ways to garner more friends and family donations.

Communications Report -- Cliff Meyer

The directory is done and being printed. We are updating our email list this week. We're also trying some new formatting in the Pup Press.

Academic Volunteer Brainstorm

Tasha led a discussion of how we can try to get more volunteers into K and 1st grade classrooms. We are considering a quick training program for parents so they can be comfortable and productive as volunteers. Suggestion was made regarding asking upper grade parents to help out (particularly if their teacher isn't using regular parent volunteers).

Peace Academy Report

Donna noted that she did get the "Safe Routes to School" grant application submitted on time and we should hear back within a month or so.

Meeting adjourned.