

Thurgood Marshall PTA, Board Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2015, 6:30-8pm

In Attendance: Brindy Bundesmann, Daniella D'Louhy, Donna Dugan, Scott Engan, Tasha Irvine, Ben Kim, Cliff Meyer, Lauri Nakamoto, Jenny Ott, Annette Sherr, Casey Sommers, Katie May

Co-President's Report -- Casey Sommers & Tasha Irvine

School Tours -- We had our first prospective parent school tour this week and there were about 15-20 attendees. We have more scheduled throughout the next few months and Katie is planning to have an information packet to hand out.

Opportunity Grant -- Tasha is writing an opportunity grant for an outside bulletin board near the flagpole to help increase parent communication.

Focus Day plans -- We have 4 families planning to go to Olympia on Monday the 19th to lobby legislators to fund education at a higher rate.

TM Celebration at NAAM on Feb. 6th -- The TM Choir and 2 classrooms will perform.

WMS info session -- Board discussed future TM information sessions given how WMS did tours this fall. Board decided it would be redundant to have a TM info session with student panels but we do still want to have the math information meeting in May, hopefully with the district math representative.

PTA Board recruitment for next year -- We need to appoint a Nominating Committee at February general PTA meeting. They will work on filling open slots for next year's board, as we need to have next year's slate finalized by May.

Bullpup Parents Google Group -- We want to open this group up to the larger school parent community. Casey may contact CPPS to see how this group can move forward based on past groups. We're pursuing a suggestion to promote the Bullpup group at the upcoming pancake breakfast.

We approved the December Board Meeting minutes.

Principal's Report -- Katie May

TM hosted the Central and SE region African American parents group on Tuesday night. It was very well attended. Conversation focused on how to support students, particularly AA boys. Eight principals were there, along with two Executive Directors.

We have a TM Arts Team in place with a vision and a plan. We have created a PTA Arts Liaison position and Daphne D. has volunteered to fill this position for the rest of this year. There is funding from Creative Advantage for our Arts Team.

Multicultural Night -- 5:30 - 7:30 on Friday, Feb 13th. There will be potluck food, performances, and craft stations.

Technology Update -- Katie spoke to Jim Dunnigan who has consulted with other schools on technology. He's putting together a proposal on how he could support TM, likely starting with teacher professional development. The district said that keyboards should arrive in mid-February for typing skills use. Board discussed how we can get laptops, etc. into the hands of lower income students.

Pancake Breakfast Update - Jenny Ott

Procurement is going well (coffee, sausage, Costco, etc.) Still confirming kitchen/custodian is scheduled. Board discussed using alum students to help monitor halls and as rovers in the lunchroom. We plan to send out flyers in backpacks to boost attendance.

Communications Report – Cliff Meyer

Cliff wants everyone to know that he is a resource to help with making flyers and announcements for events.

Annual Giving Fund Report – Jenny Ott

Great December! Our total received to date is \$91K (70% of goal). There is concern about the amount of corporate match relative to last year, as it is down significantly. Board decided to have a sub-group meeting regarding AGF for this year and in the future to discuss issues in more detail.

Treasurers Report – Brindy Bundesmann

Budget looks good currently. We are starting the process of forming a budget committee so we can meet the financial deadlines. We also need to try to recruit a treasurer for next year. Brindy is working on putting structure around the Tutu Pantry budget, including how Tutu can gift funds to other pantries or use Tutu funds for non-food needs (e.g. school supplies, socks)

Meeting adjourned.