

## **Thurgood Marshall PTA, Board Meeting Minutes**

February 03, 2015, 6:30-8pm

**In Attendance:** Brindy Bundesmann, Donna Dugan, Jen Ellis, Tasha Irvine, Stacey Joanovic, Ben Kim, Cliff Meyer, Lauri Nakamoto, Jenny Ott, Annette Sherr, Casey Sommers, Maggie Trapp

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

Board discussed moving the Spring Art Walk to be part of the May Band/Choir concerts instead of April Bingo Night to have more time between the January Art Walk and the Spring Art Walk. We liked the idea of having an "Art Week" to focus on all the arts throughout the school.

The Board discussed and agreed on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> for TM at the Seattle Storm. There may be an opportunity for the choir to perform which Tasha will pursue.

Katie has submitted an opportunity grant for a technology consultant, Jim Dunnigan, to complete a Technology Readiness Profile. The Board discussed the deliverables and timeframe. The Board approved the grant.

The speaker for our February general PTA meeting is Dr. Jody McVittie, an expert on Positive Discipline. Tasha suggested having Heidi Bennett, Washington State PTA Regional Legislative Chair, as the speaker for our May general meeting. Heidi would inform parents about school funding, the McCleary decision and parent advocacy.

Last month, we discussed having a bulletin board outside near the flagpole to increase communication. There are a number of questions with the district regarding space, location, variances, etc. We also want to make it as effective as possible, given the constraints. Ben and Cliff have been investigating different possibilities and the Board discussed the pros and cons of different options. Ben and Cliff will continue to investigate based on Board feedback.

The Board approved the January meeting minutes.

### **Budget Discussion – Brindy Bundesmann**

We have two parents who want to be on the budget committee, but we still need a candidate for Treasurer for next year. The schedule for the budget really begins when Katie submits her draft budget on February 25<sup>th</sup>. The budget committee will review this budget and make recommendations in early March.. Brindy also informed the Board that we have an additional \$27K in our budget. Apparently, the amount we expected we would have to pay to the district for salaries was reduced. This means we should still have a cushion between our reserves and the carryover for an additional year or so. The Board also discussed our expectation that we will likely have additional expenses next year for technology initiatives based on recommendations from the Technology Readiness Profile.

### **Annual Giving Fund Update – Jenny Ott and Stacey Joanovic**

Jenny noted that we are a little bit behind relative to last year, especially with corporate matching. We still have a spring challenge match and the Give Big push in May to help us reach our goal. The Board discussed using the upcoming budget process to create a sense of urgency in the messaging around the Annual Giving Fund.

### **Tutu's Pantry Update – Maggie Trapp**

Maggie noted that we are trying to expand the Rotary funding from just nutritional needs (weekend food, snacks, etc.) to include IAs/tutors or clothing, etc. We may also encourage Rotary members to become regular

volunteers in the K/1 classrooms.

**2015-16 PTA Board Discussion**

Tasha led a discussing on the many open board positions for next year and the flexibility of changing positions descriptions to fit what people want to do. We will have more discussions on this issue in the coming months as the nominating committee starts doing their work.

Meeting adjourned.