

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

June 20, 2017, 6:30-8:00pm

**In Attendance:** Lauri Nakamoto, Heather Bauer, Kat Barr, Jen Ellis, Venessa Goldberg, Karen Pinkard, Kimberlee Barber, Stacey Joanovic, Katie May, Sabrina Kovacs-Storlie

### **Minutes - Stacey J.**

Lauri made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Karen seconded it. The May meeting minutes were approved via voice vote.

### **Principal Report – Katie**

Katie updated the Board on a number of issues:

*Staffing:* A preliminary staffing configuration will be announced in the Pup Press. We did not receive an additional teacher for mitigation that is normally allocated to TM for housing two separate programs (HCC and Scholars). There will be one split for HCC in grades 3/4.

*Bell Times:* We will be on the Tier 2 bus schedule next year so our school day will run from 8:55 – 3:25 and on early release every Wednesday, 8:55 – 2:10.

*Curriculum:* We have received the social studies waiver for 2017/2018. We have received our math waiver to use the enVision Math Curriculum. Next year TM will be using the district's new ELA Curriculum. We will also be using new reading assessments and new science standards.

*Blended Learning Grants:* Four teachers have received blended learning grants for this summer. With the grant, they will receive 15 laptops to be used in their classrooms next year.

*Program Names:* The BLT is proposing to change program names for use at our school. BLT decided to change the name of the TM general education program to the Scholars program. They are suggesting changing the name of the HCC program to the Accelerated Curriculum Scholars, or AC Scholars.

*Theme:* The school theme for next year will be "Together We Can".

### **Annual Giving Fund Update – Heather**

Heather announced that we have exceeded our AGF goal and have raised close to \$170K.

### **Treasurer's Update – Jen**

Nothing new to report.

### **Board positions – Jen**

Jen announced that Pat Graney has volunteered to be the Arts Liaison. The board agreed that the position of Arts Liaison would not be included as a board member.

We are still searching for an Annual Giving Fund Chair or Co-chair.

Kimberlee suggested having someone responsible for taking pictures at all the PTA events.

### **Legislative Update - Venessa**

Nothing new to report.

### **President's Report – Karen and Jen**

Board discussed plans for outreach to families over the summer including the “welcome calls” that will start on Monday to new families and the summer meet ups on the schedule.

The Board reviewed the list of new key dates requiring full board member participation (see attached). The Board also reviewed all the PTA dates for the upcoming year (see attached). Board members are requested to drop off food for the staff breakfast that will take place on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The Board discussed that activities that use the gym may need times changed with a 6pm or later start time. Multicultural Night will remain as the time on the schedule.

Jen reported that Eldon will be sending out a survey for current enrichment families. The survey will look at changing interest in enrichment activities because of Bell Time changes (earlier mornings, early release Wednesdays). The Board discussed the need to have a volunteer to fill in for enrichment coordination on early release Wednesdays because teachers will not be available to fill this role.

The Board discussed the proposed schedule of Board meetings. Kat suggested monthly meetings occur every other month and before each general meeting. Jen will look at our by-laws and report back.

The Board discussed goals, priorities and topics for next year's General Meetings. Possible topics included: how parents and students together could use technology for school, friendship and gender (speaker Rosetta Lee from Seattle Girls School), Sound Discipline. Board will reach out to the Equity Team and FOCS for suggestions of speakers and topics.

**Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm.**