

Thurgood Marshall PTA  
Board Meeting  
Thurgood Marshall Library  
December 5, 2017, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**AGENDA**

**In Attendance:**

Katie May – Principal; Jen Drain - President , Donna Dugan- Peace Academy; Jennifer Lan – AGF, Stacey Kryman – VP; Cliff Meyer – Communications; Venessa Goldberg – Legislative chair & Equity Liaison; Merilee Hudson – Staff Rep; Ann McNally – Volunteer Coordinator, Kat Barr – Secretary

**Approval of October 2017 minutes – Kat B.**

Meeting called to order at 6:40. August 2017 Board Meeting Minutes motioned for approval by Stacey, seconded by Jen. Approved by voice vote.

**Principal's update – Katie M.**

*Follow up on dirt for digging.* This would not be easy. Perhaps a fifth grade project some year to build a raised planter box, but not a sandbox.

*Staffing–* Room 109 – Ms Gordner not coming back. Ms Electrica will stay all year. Room 101 kindergarten teacher on health leave – working with a substitute. Interviewing for long term sub. Meeting with parents next week. Looking for donations from parents to donate for kids to do during free play. Looking for a playground supervisor who wants to play with the kids. \$15/hour. 3 hours/day 12 – 3. New cafeteria manager will be hired in January.

*BLT –* BLT voted to change HCC program name to Accelerated Curriculum (AC) Scholars. No huge concerns have been voiced. BLT drafted a revised mission/vision for the school. Will be sending out a survey to rate what's most important at TM, followed by discussion at parent coffee.

*Black Lives Matter Week:* District is planning a BLM week in February. Working with Black Family Advocacy and Support group to make it more meaningful than last year.

**President's Update – Jen D.**

*Budget amendments:* President motions that PTA add a budget line item of \$1500 for the music program in the 17/18 budget. Seconded by Merilee and approved via voice vote. **Discussion of giving more \$ to splits. Tabled until 2018/19 budget discussion along with discussion of whether we change the application for the opportunity grants to state clearly that they must affect multiple classrooms.**

**Treasurer's Report – Kiyomi**

Staff costs came in about \$9,000 under budget for 2016/17. Other changes noted above.

**Fundraising Update – Jennifer L.**

Currently at \$35,000 for money received. \$6,120 pledges. Total of \$41,000. Letters just came home to parents. Hoping that gets things rolling again. \$20,000 in potential matches. **Should we purchase a banner?**

Box tops is getting more problematic. Student council has less time. **Ann will reach out to SC families to see if someone can help with that effort.**

**Teacher Update – Merilee & Donna**

Report cards are coming out. Teachers are very busy dealing with the paperwork. Ann Gilpin will sub for Merilee until the end of January. 2 teachers got engaged – Ms Serpe and Ms Shaw.

**Events Update**

- Fall Dance Recap – confusion about pot luck or pizza? Ordered way too much pizza.

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- 39                   • Pancake Breakfast/Artwalk – Rose will do it again this year for the kitchen. **We need a front**  
40                   **room person and a nutritionist since Kim won't be here anymore.**

41 **Volunteer Needs – Ann**

42 Room parents – Kat will try to support this effort.

43 **Peace Academy Update**

44 Second preschool started in the afternoon. PT is out on maternity leave. Other PT is being taken over by another  
45 person. There are new stairs in the therapy room. Trying to get new bathrooms for the kinders that are right  
46 sized.

47 **Equity Liaison Update – Venessa**

48 Meeting around Pup Press and Communications important to make sure all perspectives are voiced. More  
49 details below. The Support our Scholars equity team would like to develop the idea of a tutus pantry of books.

50 **Emerald City Rotary could give \$. Merilee will talk to Alison about it. Casey Trupin has some ideas. He was at a**  
51 **conference with Page Ahead/Page Forward. Page ahead needs to support a Title I school.**

52 **Legislative Liaison Update – Venessa**

53 Venessa went to the assembly. Everything was adopted. Most interesting agenda items included best practices  
54 for school lunch, higher education, school construction and class size reduction,

55 **Communications Update – Cliff**

56 If there's something controversial, it will be run by all three programs. It's important to get information out to  
57 more families, especially those who don't speak English. We could do condensed translations and link them to  
58 QR codes. **Donna will investigate.**

59 **Discussion Topics**

- 60                   • Nominating Committee – Recruiting for next year's board and Enrichment  
61                   ○ The following key positions are open: Enrichment coordinator, Communications, Co –  
62                   President, Vice President, Treasurer, Teacher Liaison  
63                   ○ Need to approve nominating committee at next general meeting  
64                   • Enrichment 2018-19 – Continue with Active or explore other options (YMCA) – running  
65                   enrichment.  
66                   • Movie Nights/Film Series  
67                   • General PTA Meeting topic for January – What is the topic is? Venessa will invite Zachary  
68                   DeWolfe to the meeting. January meeting – January 9<sup>th</sup>; January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
69                   • Do joint Angst showing with WMS – Cliff will look into it

70 8:       Adjourn

71 **Upcoming Events:**

72 *Thursday, Dec 14, Principal Coffee Chat*

73 *Tuesday, Jan 9, PTA Board Meeting*

74 *Thursday, Jan 18, Student Instrument Concert*

75 *Tuesday, Jan 23, PTA General Meeting: TBD*

76 *Thursday, Jan 25, Principal Coffee Chat*

77 *Saturday, Jan 27, Pancake Breakfast & Art Walk*