

Thurgood Marshall PTA, Board Meeting Minutes,
October 7, 2014, 6:30-8:30pm

In Attendance: Brindy Bundesmann, Daniella D'Louhy, Donna Dugan, Jennifer Ellis, 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

The August minutes were approved.

The speakers for the November general meeting will be Ms. Kaloper, Ms. Hudson and the Douglass-Truth librarian. We discussed ideas for other general meetings that the Co-Presidents will pursue.

Principal's Report -- Katie May

School Update: Katie's 10-person principal cohort visited today. Staff is still working on routines and tweaking them, but the schedule seems to be running well. Helping with transportation issues has been taking a lot of office time. Enrollment has stabilized at 514. We are hiring another part-time playground supervisor for better coverage. There is positive discipline training for new teachers next week and before school intervention starts next week. The Creative Arts Initiative team with PNW and SCT is getting going as well, as is the BLT.

This Friday is an In-service day. Current agenda is 1) Analyzing writing assessments and how teachers should move forward based on them, 2) Setting goals for writing this year, 3) Helping new teachers with EnVision, and 4) Updating the school's improvement plan.

Membership Report -- Maggie Trapp

There will be a CPPS Parent Leadership training workshop at TM on November 8.

Tutu's Pantry update: 25 families are getting backpacks and we're thinking more may trickle in. We're working on improving the process for delivering the backpacks.

PEACE Academy Report -- Donna Dugan

We hired 4 new IAs and 1 new teacher for this year and the preschool is back. We have 3 SLPs in the building. We currently have 23 students and capacity is 24.

Treasurer's Report -- Brindy Bundesmann

All looks good on the budget. Brindy led a discussion of the spirit of opportunity grants and classroom grants, and encouraged members to push back appropriately. Brindy then explained the 2 different Amazon fundraising programs, and Brindy will test to see if we get credit for both at the same time.

Annual Giving Fund Report -- Jenny Ott

Two main initiatives completed: letter in back-to-school packet and created a challenge match pool. \$37K received to date out of \$130K goal. We have come up with a tracking device design for the hallway (jar with jelly beans for each participating family). Participation goal is 250 families. One new fundraising opportunity we will pursue is selling Chinook books at three upcoming school-wide events. FarmRaiser is another potential fundraising opportunity that we likely won't take on this year.

Events Report -- Daniella D'Louhy

We are all set for the Games Night and the Fall Dance. Board discussed how to make the all-school events safer, including letting SPD know about the event.

Volunteer Report -- Jen Ellis

We're in good shape but still need a Pancake Breakfast lead and a few class reps. There is a clipboard in the office for teachers to ask for Academic Volunteers and we'll tweak it as we learn more.

Communications Report -- Cliff Meyer

We're working out the best process for Pup Press and other communication devices, but it is going well so far.

Co-Presidents Report – Tasha Irvine

We need to reschedule the December Board meeting due to conflicts with other SPS meetings and the Book Fair in the library. It will likely slide back one week.

We have also submitted a grant with Coyote Central for an art project for the corner by MLK.

Board voted to update the PTA Standing Rules. Changes include:

- Addition of City of Seattle license requirement
- Change of 501c3 date
- Addition of "Community Relations" and "Events" to board positions and removal of "Diversity"
- Addition of Section 15, "Calculation of Reserves"
- Reduction of general meetings from 5 to 4 and changed months from January and March to February

These will be voted on at the next (Nov.) General PTA meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

[Minutes Amended & approved 11/4/14]