Thurgood Marshall PTA - General Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

May 15th, 2013 6:30 - 8:00pm

In attendance - Scott Engan, Jeanne Thompson, Laura Gellein, Annette Sherr, Katy Ransom, Tina Shepard, Nancy Robertson, Daphne Dejanikus, Casey Sommers, Tasha Irvine, Mark Ainsworth, Julia Janak, Ben Kim, Lauri Nakamoto, Natalie Zheng, Brindy Bundesmann, Julie Breidenbach

General Meeting Minutes from 3/28 were approved.

Nan began the meeting by discussing the board appointments for 2013/2014. We are still trying to find some representatives from the lower grades for the board. Nan went through the nominees for the upcoming year’s board.

The proposal for the upcoming 2013/2014 board was approved.

Fundraising Update - Casey Sommers: We raised over 10K during the GiveBig push on May 15th, taking us over $122k total funds raised thus far.

Treasurer’s Report - Mark Ainsworth: Mark discussed the proposed budget for next year, put forward by the Budget Committee. We will be voting today on the preliminary budget - amendments may be made at any time through September 2013. The biggest change in the budget involves teacher’s salaries - we spent $46k this current year and will jump to spending $82k for the 2013/2014 year, due primarily to district cuts. The additional PTA money will go directly to staffing that supports all children at the school, with the exception of instrumental music which takes place in just 4th and 5th grade. Because of the increase, several reductions will need to take place. Classroom grants, classroom libraries (a one time expense), recess aide, etc... are among those reductions being considered. Mark discussed the changes and what the thinking is behind them. See attached documents.

Proposed 2013/2014 budget was approved.

Volunteer Report - given by Tina Shepard in Wendy Eckert’s absence: The big activity coming up is Field Day which takes place on Tuesday, June 11th. This event requires a lot of parental help. Something new and exciting this year - the district will be providing a BBQ.

Lots of fun to be had by students, teachers and families. Please contact Tina Shepard or Wendy Eckert if you are able to help with this event.

Principal’s Report - Julie Breidenbach: There will be a few staffing changes taking place next year. Ms. Schwartz will have a kindergarten/first grade combined class. Ms. Curtis is retiring. A new teacher will be hired for the open position. Mr. Long is taking a straight first grade class. Ms. Gano will be taking a split first/second grade class. Both teachers will be full-time. Ms. Chow will be teaching second grade. Third grade teachers will be Ms. Vosti and Ms. Cowan. Fourth grade will remain the same. Ms. Egelhoff will take over the additional fifth grade APP classroom. Our new Assistant Principal will start transitioning in to TM in June. Julie also gave a quick math update - Envision has been a bit more of a transition for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade kids. 4th and 5th grade kids are enjoying math and doing well. It was a jump up for all but a very positive move forward. It is very possible that Envision will be used district-wide within a few years.

APP/AC Report - Jeanne Thompson: Bob Vaughn is retiring. His replacement has not yet been announced.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.