

MAPLE PTSA MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018

Attendance: Elena Sanchez, Emily King, Erica DeMeerleer, Stephen Dooley, Daisy Barragan & lil Jonathan, Gitane Versakos, Jen Seminara, Tiffany Koyama, Gina Englund, Agnes Gomez, Summer Gallagher, Jenn Gosma, Joy Raymond, Hiromi Yasukawa, Bao Ng, Gail Sehlhorst and Nikki Beall.

Meeting start 6:35PM

Welcome and Introductions

Principal update – Elena Sanchez

- Hired new Assistant Principal but not able to announce at this time; the new hire is invited to June's PTSA meeting.
- Suspicious individuals near school property today
 - Principal Sanchez sent an email to parents describing the events and actions taken.
 - One incident involved an individual filming students playing on the Maple playground.
 - The second incident involved an individual on 12th Ave S attempting to lure children in his vehicle. Less is known about this event except the individual was brought into custody the same afternoon.
- Enrollment
 - 538 students enrolled so far for 2018/19 with 548 projected
 - Our capacity for physical building is 468 students however the numbers in terms of class sizes is a different number according to the district (# is not calculated at this time).

Capacity Update – Bao Ng & Gitane Versakos

- Some details related to the capacity outreach and advocacy shared with the group:
 - The boundary change is actually a 6-7-year process since current student are grandfathered in and it's the incoming kindergartners affected.
 - Wing Luke Elementary is getting a new school built with a capacity of 660 students despite their boundary serving a considerably smaller area than Maple.
 - ORCA Elementary, the "option school" (application process for enrollment) in our area is not feeling any challenges related to capacity; when ORCA fills their 2 kindergarten classes they are full; they are 60 students under-enrolled this year; their demographics are 60% Caucasian while being in the most diverse zip code in the city.
 - There is no maximum enrollment for Maple as every child residing within the boundary is guaranteed a spot.

- ASK to the District:
 - Boundary change to move up to next school year – THIS IS PENDING
 - Blacktop extended on the playground by Fall 2018 to replace what was lost with the new 3rd grade building (built 2017).
 - Covered area outdoors for a physical education space.
 - Within boundary neighborhood child is guaranteed a spot;
- In the works: South Seattle Emerald reporter now working on a story; highlighting the opportunity gap this capacity issue presents and how Seattle Public Schools only hears the “squeakiest wheel.”
- In the works: Community Meeting
 - Flip Herndon, Assistant Superintendent of SPS, has been contacted and agreed.
 - School Board members Zachary DeWolf and Betty Patu emailed but no response yet for community meeting.

PTSA President – Joy Raymond

- Afterschool Activities Update
 - Bill Eisele looking for more resources for a vital program.
 - Kids Carpentry and SANCA are onboard for sure.
 - In the works: securing a teacher for afterschool tutoring and a cooking/nutrition class.
- Open Board positions for 2018/19 year and succession planning;
 - ~~Descriptions will be listed in the newsletter~~ Correction 5/14/18: Open positions to appear in newsletter.
 - Positions include: Correction 5/14/18: descriptions incomplete at this time.
 - Fundraising and Events Co-Chair – ~~assist the current Chair (Jenn Gosma) with the many community building and family fun events at Maple as well as the fundraising efforts that occur during the school year.~~
 - Assistant Treasurer – ~~assist in the duties of the current Treasurer (Jen Seminarara).~~
 - Afterschool Enrichment Support – ~~involves being on site Monday-Thursday for the after school enrichment program: checking in students, handing out snacks and checking out students to their caregivers. BONUS: free tuition to your child for the after school enrichment~~
- June PTSA meeting planning – TABLED

Treasurer Report – Jen Seminarara

- Financials current; handout circulated.
 - Almost \$2000 for SAW (Staff Appreciation Week)
 - plan for the \$\$ not used during this week: Food Truck in August during Teacher’s first week back to work.
 - WAT (Walk-a-thon, coordinated by Jen Seminarara)
 - announced last Friday to students
 - Donation envelopes went out early this week

- Calendar consideration for next year to move WAT since May is heavily asking parents for donations.
- TO DO: Jen Seminara to send a reminder to teachers to use their allocations and turn in receipts before the end of the school year.
- TO DO: For next meeting, Jen Seminara will have next year's budget (projections for After-school program/planning, if WAT clears <15K, student Birthday Cakes added, etc).
- TO DO: Nikki Beall to inventory Maple Gear and let Jen Seminara if any orders needed for budget planning.

Events/Volunteer Update – Jenn Gosma

- SAW: lunch signups: finalize lunch plan Thursday soup and salad and sandwiches;
- WAT: 5/25 is the new date
 - ASK: pizza runner – Chris Englund will be asked to do this again (pizzas are for all the parent volunteers on the day of WAT).
 - ASK: counting money on 6/1, Friday evening, at Jen Seminara or Jenn Gosma's house..TBA.
- Cultural Celebration and Potluck on Thursday, 5/31st by FEAT:
 - ASK: setup and clean-up: tables moved from staff lounge to the gym and set up.
 - ASK: Truck to transport Tinikling poles for Beacon Hill Fest - Gail Sehlhorst volunteered.
- Annual Maple BBQ on Friday, 5/18, during school hours – signup/info sheet went out in kidmail and also posted on Facebook.
- PCC Market Night with Apple Core on Thursday, 5/10, 6-7PM - composting station; make a salad; seed planting; volunteers needed.

Communications – Gitane Versakos

- Translated flyer to attract people to the Facebook group (Maple Elementary Friends and Family Group) going out soon: translated in Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese and Chinese.
- Kindergarten Outreach update
 - Lillian Welch not able to be here this week so Gitane Versakos briefly summarized outreach needs in process.
 - TO DO: Pam Chin and Young Chang-Miller to set up Facebook page for incoming kindergarten class.
 - ASK: incoming parent to help with jumpstart.
- Kindergarten parent feedback that Kidmail is inconsistent
 - TO DO: Principal Sanchez to check in with Kinder teachers that kidmail is going home with students.
 - KIDMAIL is the primary way in which Maple Elementary teachers, staff and PTSA communicate with parents; check students backpacks every day for handouts.
- Newsletter – Agnes Gomez
 - finalizing this week.
 - Deadline for content is Friday, 5/11.

Miscellaneous

- Box Tops – Agnes Gomez
 - \$230 check recently received from box top collection.
 - ASK: assistant for collection next year, once a month going to all the classrooms.
 - Principal Sanchez suggested leadership opportunity for 5th graders.
 - TO DO: Agnes Gomez to email 5th grade teachers about this.
 - Also for next year possibly setting a goal for collection and identifying something for the school like playground equipment...new jump-ropes, balls, etc.
**AGENDA ITEM FOR JUNE
- Atrium Update and Master plan update – Stephen Dooley
 - meeting with Gretchen soon about masterplan grant which will be submitted in June.
- Safety Concern – Stephen Dooley
 - Crossing guard assignments recently changed with the passing of a longtime guard at 15th Ave and Shelton. Now the guard from Dawson and 15th was pulled to the Shelton location where there is a stoplight. Dawson only has flashing lights and crosswalk.
 - TO DO: Principal Sanchez to look into this.
- Benefit Mobile – Stephen Dooley
 - An easy way to raise funds for Maple PTSA by signing up to Benefit Mobile.
 - Buy gift cards and then instantly use it for the purchase and a % goes to Maple PTSA if people signup
 - TO DO: Jen Seminara to set it up and will reach out to Agnes Gomez tomorrow for newsletter.
- Parent Directory –
 - Brief discussion on the desire for parent directory and the need for a parent volunteer to coordinate this effort.
 - Erica DeMeerleer can create an “Opt in” feature for parent directory with smartsheets
- **AGENDA ITEM FOR JUNE: School Supplies in Bulk
 - Erica DeMeerleer has contact for school supplies in bulk and then ask for \$ donation from parents instead of individual pod lists.
 - ASK: Volunteer parent to organize
 - Erica DeMeerleer to gather more info for June meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 8PM

Next PTSA Meeting: June 12th, location TBA

Minutes prepared by Nikki Beall, secretary.

**Meeting Minutes approved electronically on 5/14/18.