

Attendance: Erica DeMeerleer, Summer Gallagher, Agnes Gomez, Joy Raymond, Anna Howell, Jen Seminara, Maria Herman, Lillian Welch, Elena Sanchez, Mason Skeffington, Katie Childs, Jenn Gosma, Bill Eisele, Pam Chin, Bao Ng, Gail Sehlhorst, Young Chang-Miller, Daisy Barragan, Nikki Beall.

### Welcome and Introductions

### Principal Update – Elena Sanchez

- Boundary change
  - SPS District has proposed boundary change for Fall and widened the possibilities to include Dearborn Park International School (neighborhood school not option school; all students in dual language at this time) and Kimball Elementary.
  - Sanchez offered Maple parent, Bao Ng, as a contact as a neutral community member moving forward due to her previous work/advocacy on this issue.
- AmericaSCORES - **NEED** coach for the Soccer&Poetry Spring session
  - Serves 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> graders
  - Paid/stipend position
  - Minimum 2 days per week
  - Starts after spring break
  - If interested contact Sanchez: [elsanchez@seattleschools.org](mailto:elsanchez@seattleschools.org)
- Sanchez resignation and new principal hiring process
  - Sanchez referenced recent email regarding her stepping down as principal effective the end of this school year.
  - New principal interviews scheduled on May 1
  - 2 parents selected for hiring committee: Bao Ng and Jen Seminara
  - Look for survey in KidMail (translated) requesting parent responses to 2 questions due back to the hiring committee April 16th:
    - 1) What would you like to see in our next principal?
    - 2) What do you want the hiring committee to ask in the interview?

### PTSA President Update – Joy Raymond

- No JumpStart in Fall
  - Why? Kindergarten team's decision due to snow days and subsequent changes to the academic calendar.
  - Proposes PTSA meet and greet with principal, VPs, Robin Lee and Kindergarten teachers during the week JumpStart would have been.
- Staff Appreciation Week (SAW)
  - When? May 6-10
  - Pam Chin and Young Chang-Miller leading SAW this year
    - 2 lunches and a breakfast
      - **TO DO:** Raymond to forward dates of the luncheon and breakfast to Chin and Chang-Miller.
    - Donations fund SAW –

- **TO DO:** Jenn Gosma will print envelopes for KidMail.
- Student council spirit days
  - Twins/triplet day set for this Friday, April 5.
  - student council made up of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders
  - Student council surveyed classes and twin day was a top choice.
  - Parents expressed concerns about this having a negative impact and leaving students out
  - Parent of a first grader explained an alternative in her daughter's class where the whole class matches on Friday and encouraging pods to adopt this inclusivity.
  - For next year, student council needs mentoring to prioritize inclusiveness.
- VAM Fest
  - April 26, Friday at 5:30p, Jefferson Community Center
  - Community building event with Maple and Van Asselt Elementary schools.
  - **NEED:** bean bags and bean bag game and darts
    - **TO DO:** Erica DeMeerleer will post to Buy Nothing
- Afterschool enrichment wrap up – Bill Eisele
  - Club Amigos is moving forward, facilitated by staff member Bianca Del Rosario.
  - More than 8 signups for club amigos so far...

Side note: Maple's Ultimate Frisbee won 13/12 against Beacon Hill! Congrats! Maria Herman will provide the game schedule to PTSA due to interest for posting to Maple community.

#### Fundraising/Events – Jen Seminara

- Walk-a-Thon - May 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Gail Sehlhorst and Seminara will present to students in the cafeteria and hand out envelopes; **TO DO:** Seminara will check with front office for best date.
  - Next PTSA meeting volunteer roles decided.
  - WAT raises about \$10,000.
  - PTSA fundraising meeting needed for planning; phase out WAT.

#### PTSA succession planning

- **Board Vacancies:**
  - **Treasurer Co-Chair**
  - **Vice President**
- Recruitment strategy needed; no action item at this time.

#### Newsletter – Agnes Gomez and Pam Chin

- Translation/Apps
  - Per Chin: apps with QR codes now available.
    - WhatsApp for Spanish families; up to 500 members.
    - WeChat for Chinese families; up to 100 members; requires credit card and the QR code only lasts a week.
  - With these challenges in mind, ideas welcome for getting these apps:
    - Table at Maple Marathon first week back from spring break
    - Next year the info sheet with QR codes on each teacher's desk.
    - Connecting with ReWA for Spanish speaking families; **TO DO:** Chin will forward the info sheet to Mr. Skeffington for ReWA.

- Place info sheet on outside bulletin board in front of office .

#### Maple Grounds Update – Stephen Dooley

- Maple Grows meeting tonight
  - Community voted their top picks; results as follows: (1)covered play (2)playfield (3)entryway.
  - Working on funding for summer 2020.
- Wood chips project - volunteer work party suggested.

#### School Supplies Program – Boa Ng

- Survey results
  - Over 120 surveys returned, about 75 of these Chinese families.
    - 2 no's
    - 1 maybe
    - The rest in favor
- Planning to have sliding scale with option to add more to cover another student
- Seattle Works takes 10 projects per year and makes donations; they will volunteer in Summer to put together school supplies.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25p.

Next PTSA meeting May 14, at 6:30PM, in the staff lounge.

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\*\*Meeting minutes electronically approved 4/3/19.