

Attendance: Joy Raymond, Gitane Versakos, Maria Herman, Emily King, Daisy Barragan, Jen Seminara, Sheryl, Gina Englund, Summer Gallagher, Nikki Beall, Stephen Dooley, Jenn Gosma, Liz Ophoven, and Tiffany Koyama.

Meeting start time: 6:35PM

Welcome and Introductions around the room

Principal update – Daisy Barragan

- Personnel update:
 - PE teacher substitution: Paul Chapelle, a retired PE teacher filling in for Mr. Stevenson who is on leave until Spring Break.
 - Assistant Principal substitution: Jo Lute-Irvin, filling in for Daisy Barragan, who is serving as Principal while Principal Elena Sanchez is on leave. Sanchez returns after midwinter break.
- Upcoming happenings:
 - Latino Dance Practice scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday mornings; signups and info sent home in kidmail this week.
 - Filipino Dance Practice scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays afterschool; signups and info sent home in kidmail this week.
- Tutoring: 16 students K-5, who are referred by teachers, Tuesdays and Thursdays afterschool.
- Tour Dates for incoming Kinder parents: 1/18 at 9-9:30am, 1/23 at 12-12:30, 2/13 at 5-5:45pm. The 2/13 date coincides with the next PTSA meeting so parents will be invited to attend.
- Creative Advantage Arts Committee – Gitane Versakos
 - 1st meeting went well;
 - Next meeting later this month, which includes small group of Teachers and Parents (see December meeting minutes for more information on this new program).

PTSA President's update – Joy Raymond

- Enrichment/After school program
 - Next session YMCA Powerful Schools starts 1/16.
 - Next year YMCA not coming back to Maple due to many factors making the program not a good fit for our school, such as high costs \$4000, rocky experience, lower enrollment

- Joy Raymond working with Joan Steinburg on list of what afterschool activities we already have and increasing those existing programs. Many activities are invite-only at Maple so we want to offer programs/options to all students.
- NEED: Afterschool Coordinator for next year which is a new volunteer position: a point person for coordinating program. Contact Joy Raymond or Gitane Versakos for more information about this position: mapleptsa@gmail.com.
- Breakfast After the Bell – Claire Brown with United Way King County described this program to the PTSA: United Way's Breakfast After the Bell in partnership with Federal Programs to end child hunger.
 - Washington State is 45th in nation in participation for federal breakfast programs.
 - At Maple this morning only 60 students had breakfast. However, Maple has about 60% or 300 students that receive free/reduced lunch.
 - This program wishes to breakdown barriers for accessing breakfast, removes breakfast from cafeteria and eat in the classroom first 10 minutes in class.
 - Statistics very promising: in nationwide surveys, 9/10 teachers positive give feedback of the program.
 - Some additional information about this program in other WA schools: https://www.uwkc.org/wp-content/uploads/ftp/fyf/toolkit/breakfast_after_the_bell.pdf
 - Lots of discussion, including:
 - kids now are allowed to take breakfast into class.
 - Concerned about implementation when Spring Marathon begins.
 - Why the gap with breakfast vs lunch? Stigma; Resource not being access (reduced/free lunch eligibility means student can get free breakfast).
 - Breakfast After the Bell at Maple:
 - Free breakfast for ALL students.
 - Grab n Go model is probably a good fit for Maple where breakfast is in a brown bag.
 - NO cost to Maple.
 - Next steps: sharing plan with staff and teachers for approval and planning for implementation; once approval/planning in motion, parent volunteers needed for implementation to coordinate with Daisy Barragan and Claire Brown and Food Services.
 - Time frame: by Spring, but the sooner the better.
 - Also a concern: enhanced snacks for afternoon for all the children in the afterschool programs; Claire Brown and Daisy Barragan working on this.
- Upcoming Events – Joy Raymond
 - Joy Raymond passed out updated calendar.
 - Dates need to be confirmed with Daisy Barragan.

Atrium Update – Stephen Dooley

- Great feedback on proposed plan.
- Next step: going to District with plan

- NEED: volunteers with skills for contractor, woodworker, etc;
- Stephen Dooley will put call for volunteers on facebook and newsletter.
- Jenn Gosma will forward information about a program through South Seattle Community College that assists with projects like this.
- Contact Stephen Dooley with questions or if interested in volunteering:
Stephen@gradientinteriordesign.com

Fundraising: Fall Giving Update – Jenn Gosma

- Next fundraising event: BINGO, a family engagement event
- Fall Giving collected \$6300, slightly under goal.
- Fall and trivia combined: \$7800 so SUCCESS for Fall fundraising.

Treasury Report – Jen Seminara

- Treasury report handout circulated.
- Teacher Poon’s grant request for \$300 presented to PTSA.
 - book project for a single class; theme-based bags of books; GREAT IDEA
 - after discussion: Summer Gallagher to email Teacher back with PTSA parent contact information, Lillian Welch, who has expressed interest in helping with literacy projects. Also, Summer will communicate the goal of PTSA to reach more students with such a great project plan in hopes of realizing project without spending as much \$.
- Reminder to pay dues.
 - PTSA is hoping to get rid of dues; change to PTO - Parent Teacher Organization;
 - This requires a list of tasks for our treasurer like opening a new bank acct, creating a new tax ID; tabled until May/June, when Jen Seminara can tackle this workload.
- BoxTops! \$664 check recently came in. THANK YOU, Agnes Gomez!!!
 - Continue collecting those BoxTops, another collection is in the works.
- Other highlights from the treasurer report handout:
 - Teachers using field trip \$ which is great;
 - Marine care package costs doubled from last year;
 - Camp Seymour: 4th and 5th grade classes go on an annual trip which costs \$150 full price, \$50 if student qualifies for free/reduced.
 - PTSA portion \$7500, our largest line item.
 - Jen Seminara to follow up at next meeting regarding the cost breakdown of Camp Seymour.
 - Discussion on having 3rd and 4th graders fundraise for Camp with events or highlight Camp with our Walk-a-thon efforts.

Communications Report – Gitane Versakos

- Roundup for the newsletter; Agnes Gomez could not attend meeting tonight.
 - Deadline for content is Friday: agnesagomez@gmail.com
 - Stephen Dooley to send Atrium blurb to Agnes.

Miscellaneous

- Advocate for Equity in Highly Capable(HCC)/Advanced Learning (AV) in Seattle Public Schools – Gitane Versakos
 - The Racial Equity in HCC/Advanced Learning Leadership Team is asking for support to localize HCC/AV resources for increased access of advanced learning options and AP classes for all students, while serving HC students well in their neighborhood schools! Instead of the program at Garfield High School being the HC option, bring the resources to the neighborhood high schools.
 - The Racial Equity in HCC/Advanced Learning Leadership Team asks parents to help by letting the Board know we support serving HC students in their *neighborhood high schools* starting in the 2021-2022 school year, email: schoolboard@seattleschools.org
- Ultimate Frisbee Team - Maria Herman
 - Maria Herman will start recruiting 3rd, 4th and 5th graders for Ultimate teams with brief class presentations and fliers.
 - No cost to students but players must get to games Saturdays, no transportation provided at this time.
 - Practices begin February 27th, Tuesdays and Thursdays after school and season ends around the end of April
 - First game: March 10th
 - Requests about \$200 for discs, cones, first aid kits, ice packs. PTSA approved.
 - Maria Herman and two other coaches volunteering; 10-15 kids/team.
 - Maria Herman to send blurb for newsletter to Agnes Gomez.

Next PTSA Meeting: Tuesday, 2/13/18, at 6:30pm in Staff Lounge

Meeting end time: 8PM.

Minutes prepared by Nikki Beall, secretary.