

Attendance: Linneth Blumenthal, Alan Foote, Jeff Miranda, Joyce Moreno, Tracy Crutchfield, Lillian Welch, Jenn Gosma, Lori Heniff, Nikole DeZao, Ivette Cortez, Summer Hayes, Jessica Smartt Silva, Jennifer Wu, Paola Andreas, Sarah Igawa, Katie Childs, Janet Miller, Bill Eisele, Young Chang-Miller, Bao Ng, Kin Luu, Anna Howell, Ivy Kwong, Erica Chau, Kymberly Meek, Gail Sehlhorst, Christy Bowman-White, Daisy Barragan, Stephen Dooley, Gina Englund, Pam Chin, Joy Raymond, Jen Seminara, Agnes Gomez, Emily King, Maria Herman, Summer Gallagher, Nikki Beall.

Welcome and Introductions

- Principal Update – Christy Bowman-White
 - Mx. Tracy, school counselor, introduced intern Joyce Moreno, with a bilingual and crisis counseling background will intern at Maple all year.
 - Bowman-White expressed gratitude for the PTSA-sponsored lunch the week prior to school starting.
 - Staffing update–
 - Primary ELL specialist is Hernan Oropeza and a new Chinese Instructional Assistant (IA), Jennie Li.
 - Interviews this week for a 2-3 grade intervention specialist.
 - Another position possible for SPED teacher up to 0.4 FTE.
- FEAT (Family Engagement Action Team)– Daisy Barragan
 - 2 types of events – 1. Family engagement and 2. Listening sessions
 - Last year the listening sessions focused on minority families (Chinese, Spanish, Somali) which resulted in further outreach with WeChat and WhatsApp.
 - This year FEAT plans expanded listening sessions to English speaking families.
 - ASK: more parent volunteers join FEAT; meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Maple from 2:45-3:45pm, beginning in October. Email maplepts@gmail.com if interested or with questions.
 - Reminder: in order to volunteer at Maple, Robin Lee, family advocate, must verify your successful application; email her at rolee@seattleschools.org
 - Maple Marathon Walk in the park –
 - Clarification for kindergarten: Kinders will walk in Spring.
 - Until then families and Kinders may enter classrooms through the custodial doors at 7:40am or visit the cafeteria for breakfast.
 - Kindergarten playground doors will be locked.
 - To Do: announcement to parents on WeChat, WhatsApp and FB; Principal Bowman-White with email in the morning.
- Board Member changes – Joy Raymond
 - ASK: Social Media volunteer as Gina Englund transitions into Vice President.

- Events – Joy Raymond
 - Curriculum Night on 9/19
 - Pod volunteer assignments:
 - Kindergarten: Summer Gallagher and Gina Englund
 - 1st Grade: Anna Howell
 - 2nd Grade: Jenn Gosma
 - 3rd Grade: Gina Englund and Summer Gallagher
 - 4th Grade: Bao Ng
 - 5th Grade: Young Chang-Miller
 - Picture day in on 10/17
 - ASK: volunteers needed, full or half day option;
 - if interested go to Signup Genius with mapleptsa@gmail.com as a login.
 - Multi-Ethnic Night is scheduled for 10/24, a family engagement event, potluck, and very popular at Maple.
- Fundraising – Jenn Gosma
 - Trivia Night and Silent Auction on 10/10 from 6-9pm at the Stables in Georgetown
 - <https://www.mapleptsa.com/trivia>
 - 21 and over event; food, wine and beer; fun and casual
 - No school the following day - FYI
 - ASK: Procurement items! Find auction forms and wish list here: <https://www.mapleptsa.com/auction>
- Treasurer Report – Jen Seminara
 - Financials Report circulated – PTSA raises about 30K and spends about 30k
 - Most money comes from fundraising
 - Other sources include grants and corporate donations
 - About 45% of the budget goes toward staff with allocations to teachers, staff, the nurse, and Principal.
 - Also funds support direct PTSA operations.
 - 3 main fundraising drives: Dance a thon (previously Walk a Thon), Direct ask, Trivia/Silent Auction; what made the most money last year? Walk a Thon about \$17,000
 - Maple gear (t-shirts and sweatshirts) offered two times this year – order forms will be distributed.
 - Major expense: Camp Seymour for the 4th and 5th graders costs about \$8K.
 - New this year: translation services, \$1500 allocated.
 - Planning on more small fundraising options such as restaurant nights:
 - 9/29 MOD Pizza on Rainier just say you are supporting Maple and 10-15% proceeds will come back to the school.
 - More planned: Nico’s Gyros and El Quetzal.
- Communication – Pam Chin and Daisy Barragan
 - Focus on translation services – school will provide translation for school events but PTSA must pay for all other translation services

- ASK: volunteers for translation services, contact Pam Chin or Sarah Igawa or email mapleptsa@gmail.com.
- Biggest need: Chinese.
- Ivette Cortez volunteered to assist with Spanish translation.
- Unfortunately, Maple's Tagalog IA position not funded this year; leaving translation gap and greater need.
- Abby Lin, Chinese IA, is initiating WeChat groups by grade with parents being recruited to help.
- Principal Bowman-White explained translation also a priority for admin and plans to prepare communications ahead of time for better turn-around time.
- School Supplies Update – Bao Ng
 - Collecting money since last year totaling \$8,300; received grant for \$8,500; spent \$12,500; remaining amount \$4,300 for next year.
 - Even though it appears that we have a surplus, this was due to a one-time grant that won't be available for upcoming years, so it is important for all families to contribute for the supplies that have already been purchased for their students.
 - Still collecting money from incoming Kindergarteners until 9/20; envelopes are in the main office and can be returned at Curriculum Night.
 - MOD pizza fundraiser on 9/29 will go to school supplies fund.
- Maple Grows – Stephen Dooley
 - Ongoing outdoor improvement plan, with funding from the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods; learn more at [Maple Grows](#).
 - Phase 1 now in process which is a push to obtain funding/grants.
 - Hopefully Summer 2020 new playfield construction with water mitigation and so on begins; possible project conflict is the city plans to work on storm water drains next summer.
 - ASK: volunteer interested in environmental action, grant writing or with ideas about more grants, please contact Stephen Dooley maplegrows98108@gmail.com
- After-school Programming – Bill Eisele
 - MASE (Maple After-School Enrichment)
 - Combined effort with PTSA and school, led by teachers.
 - 7 classes to start 10/7.
 - Upcoming options: 2 classes in coding for January but still need teachers; Spring baking class, a teacher has committed.
 - ASK: substitutes and backup needed for when a teacher is out; parents can teach a class or sub if volunteer approved; verify volunteer status with Robin Lee, school family advocate, at rolee@seattleschools.org
 - Eisele to attend staff meeting 10/30 for further teacher recruitment.
 - Program suggestion for student selection: Lottery
 - New offering: FIRST Lego League Robotics Club
 - Grant from Amazon that includes a \$10,000 one-time gift to be used for anything STEM related at Maple, and 3 years of support including equipment, registration, coach stipend, and training.

- For up to ten 4th&5th graders.
 - Compete with other schools, Dec 14th or 15th (location likely Franklin High School).
 - Club to start sometime in October, Tuesdays or Thursdays after school.
 - Ms. Lauren Razuri, the STEAM teacher, has offered to coach.
 - ASK: parent volunteer; if interested contact mapleptsa@gmail.com or lsrazuri@seattleschools.org
- Miscellaneous
 - Capacity update – Bowman-White
 - 545 or 547 students currently
 - 3 more classrooms overcapacity
 - Next year boundary changes in place.
 - Rising Star Elementary
 - Extended roofing project timeline causing disruption to learning environment at Rising Star Elementary at the African American Academy (formerly Van Asselt).
 - Maple to join efforts with other schools to support the staff at this school by delivering snacks to their staff meeting/professional development day one Wednesday afternoon between now and November. Contact Bao Ng for more info.

Prepared by Nikki Beall, secretary.

Next PTSA meeting: Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30pm in the staff lounge.

*Meeting minutes electronically approved on 9/12/19.