

Maple PTSA meeting minutes Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Attendance: Tiffany Koyama, Gina Englund, Daisy Barragan, Agnes Gomez, Emily King, Jen Seminara, Summer Gallagher, Maria Herman, Nikki Beall, Gitane Versakos, Stephen Dooley, Sheryl Warshal, Jenn Gosma, Anna Howell, Shirley Chu, and Bill Eisele.

Meeting start time: 6:35PM

Welcome and Introductions around the room (signup sheet circulated).

Principal update: Daisy Barragan

- Principal Sanchez is waiting to hear back from the Seattle Public Schools Facilities contact regarding the issue of high numbers of incoming kindergartners vs. lack of Maple capacity and proposed boundary changes. A future public meeting facilitated by the principal is the next step.
- Daisy Barragan to fill in as principal while Elena Sanchez is on maternity leave.
- Teachers are preparing for parent/teacher conferences at this time.

PTSA President update: Gitane Versakos

- Powerful Schools Afterschool Program
 - Winter session program passed around.
 - Discussion/feedback regarding current session; several issues noted; most significantly lack of communication between program and parents.
 - Jen Seminara to email Joy Raymond and Alexia (Powerful Schools point person).
- Robin Lee's Snack Supply
 - Robin Lee, school counselor, keeps healthy snacks in her office for students and PTSA assists with funding/donating these snacks.
 - Gitane Versakos to contact Robin Lee regarding finding an ongoing/regular donation plan (possible sign-upgenius.com or Robin Lee to submit blurb for the newsletter).
- Thanksgiving volunteer opportunity: Wednesday November 22 6pm volunteers needed to prep meals at Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church. Five Maple families will receive meals.
 - If interested, please contact Pastor Dione at pastordione.corsilles@gmail.com.
- Library volunteer request: November 30 and December 1 volunteer needed for school day to keep library open at Maple while Librarian Linda Nakagawa is working at Book Fairs at other schools.
 - If interested please email lnakagama@seattleschools.

Fundraising: Jenn Gosma

- Trivia Night wrap-up – success! Made approximately \$1500, 55-60 attendees. PTSA hopes to Trivia Night an annual engagement event with a possible 60-person cap in the same venue.
- Fall Into Giving Campaign now underway and donations are already being collected. Corporate matches are also a benefit of this fundraiser. This direct-ask campaign went out in kid-mail and donations can also be made on website: <http://www.mapleptsa.com/give>
- Two more events this year: Bingo Night and Walk-a-thon.

Treasury Report – Jen Seminara

- Taxes filed 2 weeks ahead! Thank you, treasurer.
- Current budget handout circulated.
- PTSA official requirements discussed including:
 - Membership fees (ASK: Board Members pay dues via website: <http://www.mapleptsa.com/give>.)
 - Required 25 members/emails to submit to the association. Jen Seminara will collaborate with Erica DeMeerleer for list of 25.
 - Board members annual training requirement; Board to follow up offline on this.
- Teacher Allowance Increased due to Expedia Corporate 2:1 match from last year.

Communications: Gitane Versakos

- Facebook Moderator update
 - New moderator is Lindsey Ismailova with co-moderators Stephen Dooley and Lillian Welch. Current Administrators: Gitane Versakos, Gina Englund and Jen Seminara.
 - Community Rules and Policies handout circulated.
 - Transition period to follow making it into a closed FB group.
 - Call for vote. Passed.
- Newsletter: Agnes Gomez
 - Next newsletter due out in January. Possible smaller newsletter in December with weather/closure information.

Miscellaneous

- Volunteer opportunities: Summer Gallagher
 - Picture retakes: this Thursday, 8-NOON.
 - Hearing and Vision screening: ongoing. This is assisting the school nurse for bubbles of time, various days.
 - Atrium beautification: Tree stump removal needed; Anna Howell to f/u on this with Summer Gallagher. For this opportunity background checks not required.
 - Contact summergal828@gmail.com or go to the website www.mapleptsa.com/volunteer
- Box Tops: Agnes Gomez
 - Over \$600 collected from recent submission.
 - Class with most collected to get a party this year.
 - Next collection due in March. For more information on box Tops visit website: www.mapleptsa.com/give or www.boxtops4education.com

- MOHAI field trip for half the 3rd graders: Maria Herman explained PTSA is able to fund and parent volunteers available to provide lunches for Tuesday, January 2nd field trip.

Next PTSA Meeting: Tuesday, 12/12/17, at 6:30pm in Staff Lounge.

Meeting End time: 7:30PM

Minutes prepared by Nikki Beall, secretary.