

February 8, 2017

QAE PTSA General Membership Meeting

QAE Cafeteria 6:30-8:00

Notice given via email, Rocket Reader, school calendar

Attendance: See sheet in secretary's folder.

Heath Dixon opened the meeting at 6:36 pm, welcomed all in attendance, and introduced the agenda.

Minutes circulated by Kari Edmondson

Jenna Free motioned to approve the October 26, 2016 minutes. V. Kostojohn seconded. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

Join PTSA

Link provided to join the PTSA.

Nominating Committee

Heath explained the roll of the nominating committee. Heath Dixon and Jenna Free volunteered to serve this year. One more person needed to fill the committee. Johnathan Hildebrandt offered to serve.

Rick North motioned to approve Heath Dixon, Jenna Free, and Johnathan Hildebrandt as this year's Nominating Committee. V. Kostojohn seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

Principal Update

School Goals: Principal Janine Roy explained the process of supporting and evaluating the goals set by the staff and BLT. Weekly grade level meetings were implemented to foster teamwork, review data, and evaluation of regular assessments for both academics and SEL.

BLT: Timeline for next year's planning on hold due to state and SPS budget impacts.

Mid-Year Activities: Global Reading Challenge, Open Houses, Jazz Band Event for Black History

PTSA Reports

Garden: Andrea Hildebrandt requested more volunteer help. Every Wednesday, Andrea hosts a weekly garden activity with kids. Christa Winquist offered support for the program.

Treasurer: Rick North provided a mid-year update. Fundraising is on track (99.4%) for the 2016-2017 school year. Expenses are at 40% for the 2016-2017 school year. Cash on hand will cover all current year's obligations. Forecast for the remainder of the year is positive.

Budget: Rick North requested survey information to identify budget priorities. Discussion followed to explain the factors that could impact next year's budget and possible avenues of communication to gather information from within the greater QAE community.

Legislative: Christa Winquist & Ian Stewart provided handouts and legislative information.

- Levy Cliff: Christa described the historical background of the levy cliff, anticipated SPS impacts, and possible budget impacts to QAE. Levy Lid Extension bill needs to pass so that next year's school budgets are not impacted and focus can move towards the state fully funding education. SPS impacts will begin as of February 28, when district wide budget changes start to effect QAE.

- Senate needs to vote on the Levy Lid Extension bill to avoid imminent statewide impact.
- Legislative Event: Superintendent Nyland will be invited to upcoming event, date TBD. Discussion followed to encourage parent and community attendance.
 - Action Steps: Christa & Ian will provide contacts for people interested in advocacy. Effective communication strategies to share information among the QAE parent community discussed.
 - Creative Approach Status (CAS): Christa shared that nine current schools within the district are CAS. Overall SPS program is under review. Principal Roy explained the current year review at QAE and requested any community CAS feedback filtered through the official process.
 - QAE & Legislative Resources: Ian introduced information regarding CSIP, original application for CAS, state budget plans (Republican/Democrat), and fully funding education.
 - Bell Time Survey: Overall goal for SPS to move the district to a 2 tier bell system rather than 3.

Auction: Ashley Dixon provided information about this year's auction "Havana Nights" planned for March 10 at Fischer Pavilion in Seattle Center. Overall fundraising plan to decrease size of silent auction, use classroom baskets, gift cards, sign up parties, wine toss, classroom art projects, dessert dash, and live auction. Early bird pricing, full table purchases (10), and seating requests now available. Volunteers requested for a variety of preparation and event needs.

Enrichment: V. Kostojohn and Gillian Jorgensen provided a handout with information regarding this year's program. Gillian requested community feedback, explained history of enrichment program, and impact of bell time change on 2016-2017 enrollment. Currently, the Tiara Team enables an afterschool recess time between school day and enrichment program. Looking towards 2017-2018 school year, the overall program isn't sustainable in its current format. Parent committee needed for planning for next year. V. and Gillian surveyed attendees regarding historical enrichment use. Discussion followed regarding long-term future of program, both at temporary facility and new building.

Heath thanked all in attendance and directed feedback regarding legislative and enrichment to the appropriate representatives.

Heath adjourned the meeting at 8:26 pm

Minutes submitted by Kari Edmondson, QAE PTSA Secretary