Janney PTA Exec Board Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2019

Attendees

Jaqueline Buckley, Danielle Burwell – Co-Presidents

Elizabeth Callanan Mitchell, Audrey Cooling – Co-Vice Presidents

Jenna Browning, David Van Leeuwen, Katie Wilson – Co-Treasurers

Amy Andrus, Suzanne Smalley – Co-Secretaries

Tara Cooksey, Heather Turekian, Ginny Warren – Past Presidents

Robin Spence, Mellissa Modico – Teachers

Alysia Lutz – Principal

Mike Barnhart – Assistant Principal

Andrea Travis – 5k and Fun Run Chair

Brief Introductions

5K Update

By Oct. 1, 121 people had registered for the 5K and 43 for the Fun Run. 11 family sponsors were committed, including Bill Jenks, who gave $5,000 to honor his 5th grade sons' last year at Janney. The Jenks' boys will kick off the race by wishing the runners good luck; Travis created a new diamond level sponsorship category to formalize the recognition piece of the sponsorship. A thank you was sent to Jenks' IP Law via the 5K registration list.

Andrea Travis also told the PTA that yard signs with the Fun Run and 5K logo had been ordered to help promote the race and increase visibility in the larger neighborhood. Travis and her committee also secured $13K in corporate sponsorships by Oct. 1 plus in kind donations from Rodman's and Tenleytown Main Street, among others. Club Pilates and Easy Spanish 1,2, 3 came on as new donors. The ANC provided a grant to help cover the costs of the Fun Run for the kids.

Principal's Report

The new protocol for field trip and other school volunteers was outlined. The requirements now include a TB test and a background check for all volunteers. Janney has plans to help implement the new protocol and ease the burden of complying.

Lutz summarized how the administration and DCPS at large handled a recent lead scare.

Finally, Lutz noted that this year Janney has 752 enrollees – 9 more than had been projected.

Presidents' Report

- New auction chair is Cathy Sumner
- This year the PTA will not host the wine parties, which are expensive and time-consuming to host. Instead, parents are being asked to bring a donated bottle of wine to the beginning of the year class party for parents.
- The Auction Committee plans to again use Chris and C2 auctions
- Gym fees will continue to be collected and will support custodial fees
- PTA is exploring acquiring more insurance and Tara suggested a contact in the Mayors' Office (Patty L)
- 133 books were delivered to Janney from the Politics and Prose book sale. More were given to teachers directly by families.
- Potomac Pizza Night made $358
- SSF asks will be made at Parent Socials – ambassadors are being identified
- The next exec board meeting will be held at Katie Wilson's home

Vice Presidents' Update

Next W3Ed Net meeting is Oct. 7th at 7 pm, Hearst Elem. School Library – DCPS Ops staff will update on renovation plans and overcrowding

Past Presidents/LSAT update

The 2nd grade cohort spoke at the last meeting about the class size issue. Teachers let them know that the class size is not impacting learning outcomes in their view.

Treasurer's Report

SSF update: As of 9/29/19 was slightly below last year's total by the same date ($129, 292 versus $150,904). Participation was at 28 percent compared to 30 percent last year.