Janney PTA Exec Board Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2020

Attendees

Jaqcuelyn Buckley, Danielle Burwell – Co-Presidents

Elizabeth Callanan Mitchell, Audrey Cooling – Co-Vice Presidents

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

Amy Andrus – Co-Secretary

Tara Cooksey, Heather Turekian, Ginny Warren – Past Presidents

Robin Spence – Teachers

Alysia Lutz – Principal

Mike Barnhart – Assistant Principal

Approval of December Minutes

Auction Update

- Volunteer recruitment event to be held on 1/8/20 for solicitation help. Discussion also to address strategy, ie, procuring fewer items of higher value. Goal also to involve more dads in the solicitation pool.
- A 3-year contract has been signed with One Cause which will replace previous platform 501. 501 data from prior auctions can be uploaded and used. This data can also be tapped later for other fundraising events.

Principal's Report

- DCPS budget update is anticipated for February, 2020.
- Upcoming Community Meeting event addressing security will be held Wednesday, February 5 from 6-7:30pm. Childcare will be offered via Janney +
    - Internet security consultant will present and explore the importance of monitoring devices at school and at home, among other issues
    - Janney's safety policies and procedures and community expectations will be discussed, covering how we can create a welcoming and safe environment, reviewing examples of racial profiling, and other topics. Slides will be made available afterwards.
- In the works is a PTA-sponsored parent night event addressing and offering resources for students who are struggling, either academically or socially/emotionally, with the goal of creating a community support network surrounding these issues.

President's Report

- Jackie Danielle & Cathy continue to have regular check ins about the auction plans
- Regarding the Grosso bill--there seems to be little concern that it will actually pass
- Ruth Wattenberg has offered to speak at Janney's upcoming Community meeting to address concerns about the bill
- It was suggested that the PTA have talking points ready to respond to parents/community members if they ask questions about the bill
    - EB members should all re-familiarize themselves with PTA bylaws
- Upcoming PTA EB meeting Tuesday 2/4, 6:30pm at Audrey Cooling's home 4527 Windom Pl NW

VP Update

- W3EdNet Meeting - scheduled for 1/13/20, and will address 2020 objectives

Treasurer's Update

- SSF/Budget Update: We are 63 percent of the way to the SSF goal -- participation is now 49 percent. December saw an uptick in participation with 62 families donating. Amount raised is $221K versus $281K last year.
- Raffle: came in slightly under projected budget. Bylaws need to be amended to specify that PTA EB members cannot enter the raffle.
- Fall fundraising update:
    - Politics and Prose had $1600 in income
    - Holiday Greens final invoice is still pending
- Insurance policy increase needs to be reflected in budget

Past Presidents/LSAT Update

- The COO of DCPS spoke at last LSAT meeting regarding enrollment projections over the next 6-10 years