Janney PTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2021 Meeting via Zoom

Attendees:

Danielle Singh:	Principal
Michael Barnhart:	Assistant Principal
Valerie Sewell, Penina Freedenberg:	Faculty Representative
Brooke Brown, Johanna Cox Moran:	Co-Presidents
Kat Davis:	Co-Vice President
David Van Leeuwen, Laura Bogomolny:	Co-Treasurers
Elizabeth Mitchell; Audrey Cooling:	Past Presidents
Susanna Chu, Deborah Samenow:	Co-Secretaries

October 2021 Meeting Minutes Approved

Principal's/VP's Report

- Halloween successful, even with inclement weather and indoor parade
- Working on arrivals/dismissals during inclement weather; updates coming on how to utilize gym/cafeteria
- Health & safety updates: Janney will be a DCPS vaccination site on November 19, 3:30-7 p.m.; will have additional communication around testing, quarantine recommendations after Thanksgiving weekend, etc.
- Working on policies so families don't experience penalties relating to quarantine; addressing burdens on teachers when kids are in quarantine
- DGS/outstanding work orders -- audit meeting; playground still slated for 11/30 for repairs; HVAC -- still waiting on permanent solution, but have semi-permanent heating; 10 outdoor heat lamps (electric).
- Will accommodate families that want their kids to eat outdoors no matter the weather
- Testing rate is at about 20%; goal is to get to 30%; about 26% of students have opted out of the saliva testing
- Working on social/emotional challenges experienced by students -- will be sharing resources next week with community
- Equity leadership team -- will be kicking off race and equity work next week; Doyin Richards (Anti-Racist Fight Club) will meet with staff, school community, students

Presidents' Report

- Garden Day was a success; 5K coming up on 11/20 (need volunteers); Winterfest committee meeting last Friday -- winter market will take place, scaled down (only student vendors); event will be outdoors, but limiting vendors to worst-case weather scenario (market would be moved into the gym if needed); raffle drawing
- Firewood sale -- have made ~$3,000 so far; fundraiser should be able to continue in upcoming years.

- Auction -- theme “Wild, Wild Northwest”
- Child’s Play sale – aiming for last week of November
- Holiday Greens starts Thanksgiving weekend; second sale will be Winterfest weekend if they don’t sell out; could use volunteers to help with deliveries.
- Next push for SSF may take place over Giving Tuesday.

Treasurers’ Report

- About $470,000 in assets, down from $505 last September
- Good month for SSF ($40K); at approx. 60% of goal
- Made about $2,534 from movie night
- Politics & Prose ($800)
- Community Support Fund is a line item; social support team should be able to draw from those funds as needed
- Should playground repairs be a separate line item? Discussed spider structure and flooring with Playworks. Anne exploring a District fund for outdoor spaces. Estimate to repair ~$3-4K; entire playground ~$35K. Dangerous situation with spider structure; liability issues. Council is working on reducing outstanding work orders.
- PTA supported salaries at about 59% expended, as expected
- Furniture & Fixtures funds are depleted, over budget
- Surplus now, but will have large expenses coming up

Vice Presidents’ Report

- Next Ward 3 EdNet meeting coming up
- Next room parent email will go out tomorrow -- comms re 5K, auction, vaccination site, etc.; room parents can collect up to $40 per student per year, per DCPS guidance

Past Presidents/LSAT Update

- Many similar issues discussed
- Volunteer form and fingerprinting
- Asking FieldPrint to do on-site fingerprinting

Next meeting: December 7

Meeting adjourned.