Janney PTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2022 – Zoom meeting

Attendees:

Bethany Hanna, Elizabeth McAdam:	Co-Vice Presidents
Kat Davis, Deanna Lizas:	Co-Presidents
Jane Simons, Deborah Samenow:	Co-Secretaries
Brooke Brown	Past Co-President, LSAT representative
Joanna Tipton, Laura Bogomolny, Nikki Kenny:	Co-Treasurer
Danielle Singh:	Janney Principal
Niki Ugel:	Assistant Principal
Liz DiCrosta, Robin English:	Faculty Representative

Minutes for Oct and Nov will be approved at the December meeting

I. Principal's/AP's Report

   a. School Building/Facility Update - lost & found door; loose/leaning black gates by 42nd St steps. Being careful about door (warm days), need permanent solution for HVAC. Work orders placed.
   b. Staffing Updates – DCPS is really committed to closing vacancies. Effort to get Central Office to help, working on partner teachers, ensure we are aggressive about hiring, retention and pipelines to get best candidates
   c. Any parent issues of note? Working on music teacher.
   d. Update on equity teacher work; intersection with Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee. Strengthening communication with families.

II. Presidents' Report

   a. Update on past and ongoing events – Blood Drive (Brooke), Nando's Night, Firewood Sale. Events went well.
   b. Update on upcoming fall events – 5K (sponsorships going well), Raffle and Penny Wars (good support, see if it's worth the lift), Greens Sale, WinterMarket - just us jaguars (Dec 3)- just a Janney event, Child's Play Sale 11/28; Arts Night (starting next year)
      1. Auction planning has begun!! Meagan Bellshaw (Wyatt, 5-Jordan; Harper, 3-Savang; Cora, 1-Woo) and Katy Robinette (Clara, 3-Padilla) are taking the lead. If we know of others who want to help, reach out to Meagan/Katy
      2. Update from 5K Chair, Madeleine Konig - $23k sponsorships + $4k family sponsorship; encourage volunteers to sign up at newsletter link for event
   c. Committee volunteer staffing update
   d. Lice committee – are things settled?
   e. Community dinners- good leadership role
   f. SSF Efforts/Communications/ Appreciation - Extra efforts seem to be paying off! Treasurers to review increased donations, SSF progress

III. Treasurers' Report
   a. SSF progress

1. Total donations to date are $152K. 60% of the budget. 176 families – not sure how many total families. PreK is leading with 47% class participation and then it slowly drops off. PreK, K, then 5th grade is trailing. Discussion going well for SSA at parties.

b. General budget status update
    1. Good push for SSF in October. Still looking at fundraising $60K to achieve budget. Other income- about 37k for the 5k run. Does not include the expenses yet. Spring fundraising has not happened yet. Looking pretty good for this time of year.

c. Audit status/plan- any update? Will review prior audit/review of financial controls. Unclear if we can find an auditor to perform this since most auditors want a steady business that happens every year so they have last year financials to compare. Will update next month.

IV. Vice Presidents' Report

a. Email went to room parents with the suggested email text that they could share with classes to schedule the class socials/wine contribution offerings, SSF document. Will follow up to make sure all of the socials are being scheduled.

b. Thanksgiving class party – usually in line up in class parties. Canned food drive. Teachers can ask room parents to ask help.

V. Teachers' Report

a. Teacher retention. Biggest barrier to hiring/retaining partner teachers is salary. While there are a few incentives, suggestion to reach out to the union rep for more assistance. Will ask union rep if there are opportunities for more advocacy, maybe unions can help. They support and help keep school together. Maybe that is a place where having some Janney parent voices would help.

VI. Past Presidents/LSAT Update

a. Budget research in near future as well as developing different committees that will touch on policies and overlap with PTA. Will share more soon. Upcoming meeting on Nov. 9 via zoom. Upcoming boundary review, enrollment outlooks, school building plans. Teacher's union wants to address the group as well. Upcoming meeting on 11.15.

Next Meeting, December 7, 2022