Janney PTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2022 In-Person Meeting

Attendees:

Kat Davis, Deanna Lizas:	Co-Presidents
Bethany Hanna, Elizabeth McAdam:	Co-Vice Presidents
Jane Simons, Deborah Samenow:	Co-Secretaries
Joanna Tipton, Laura Bogomolny, Nikki Kenny:	Co-Treasurers
Brooke Brown, [Audrey Cooling*, Elizabeth Mitchell*]:	Past Co-Presidents, LSAT representatives
Danielle Singh:	Janney Principal
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Liz DiCrosta*, Robin English:	Faculty Representative

*Not in attendance at this meeting

1. October and November meeting minutes approved.
2. Principal's/AP's Report
    a. School Building/Facility Update –
        i. Work is moving forward on loose gates near 42nd Street entrance. Continued follow up on other facility issues including atrium door and issue with a hump in the gym floor.
        ii. Discussion of emergency preparedness and communication after recent incident near Wilson High school and neighborhood lockdowns during the incident. Principal Singh noted that the Remind app is the first line of communication with families in emergencies.
        iii. Janney has a "safety committee," though it is currently not active. This could be an additional resource/thought partner for these issues.
    b. Staffing Updates -
        i. DCPS provided Janney with an additional long-term substitute teacher
        ii. There are still some partner teacher vacancies, which remain difficult to fill across the district.
        iii. Part-time music teacher position is still vacant. Discussion of ideas to fill vacancies related to performing arts and music (e.g., using partner teachers, creating a full-time position to teach both music and performing arts, finding American University or other students to help fill those positions)
    c. Update on equity teacher work; intersection with Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee-
        i. Parent volunteers to serve on a committee sent to Principal Singh. Sessions in the new year will center on topics such as restorative practices and home libraries.
        ii. Discussion of ideas to increase parent engagement on these issues (e.g., offering childcare, meals during sessions).
3. Presidents' Report
    a. Update on past and ongoing events – 5K, Raffle, Greens, Winter Market, Child's Play Sale Greens Sale all successful. Greens sale sold out first weekend.
        i. For the 5K, a grant from the Mayor's office covered much of the cost of security. ANC grant was also helpful. PTA should look into applying for Mayor's grant again next year to defray cost of security.
        ii. For Child's Play sale, it was noted that it is possible to build a wish list there. Discussion of hosting a social event at the store during the sal e(e.g., wine and snacks available at the store during the sale) in future years.

        iii. For winter market, discussion of possibility of spreading out tables between cafeteria and gym (not just gym) for future years.
    b. Update on upcoming winter events: talent show, bingo night, movie night –
        i. Every time there is an event at school PTA must pay a cleaning and security fee.
        ii. Still searching for movie night chairs for event on February 8
    c. Looking ahead to next year's board and working to identify individuals to fill positions earlier than in past years.
        i. Consider amending the bylaws to add a board position that helps with technology issues for the school.
        ii. VP offered to track open board positions and potential interested individuals
4. Treasurers' Report
    a. Review performance against budget through November, including funds from 5K and raffle (regarding the raffle, Treasurer reminded the board of the necessity of submitting form to the DC charitable gaming office).
    b. Review progress against student support fund (SSF) goals
        i. Discussion of publicizing ability to donate stock and grant matching opportunities
        ii. Discussion of ways of mitigating fees charged by Square for transactions
    c. Plans for an audit to be completed by the CPA who completes the I-90 for us
5. Vice Presidents' Report
    a. All classrooms have room parents, though some have not identified an SSF contact.
    b. Room parent emails have been going out regularly with streamlined format.
6. Past Presidents/LSAT Update
    a. LSAT will be forming committees to dive into different topics. For example, the LSAT is looking into bringing in parents to talk about special education issues.

Next Meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 4th