Janney PTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2023 – In person/zoom meeting

Attendees:

Bethany Hanna, Elizabeth McAdam	Co-Vice Presidents
Kat Davis, Deanna Lizas	Co-Presidents
Jane Simons, Deborah Samenow	Co-Secretaries
Elizabeth Mitchell, Audrey Cooling, Brooke Brown	Past Co-Presidents, LSAT representative
Joanna Tipton, Laura Bogomolny	Co-Treasurer
Danielle Singh	Janney Principal
Robin English	Faculty Representative

Minutes for December are approved.

1. Review/Approve December Minutes
2. Principal's/AP's Report
    a. Janney Talks - Restorative Practices Community Meeting (Feb 2):
        i. Excited to kick this off, flyer was exceptional. Childcare will be provided. Discussion of the possibility of virtual meeting. Recording the meeting might be a good option, will figure out what can be shared with everyone.
        ii. Feb 2, March 2, and April 27
        iii. Teachers could send out an email a few days before the event.
        iv. Tuesday newsletter, stand-alone school email before and day of, post on school shared calendar, FB/INSTA, signage on doors.
    b. School Building/Facility Update including new mural!
        i. Been ok with HVAC, a number of work orders are in place. Boards are coming in, mural is amazing, possible gratitude tree (leaves on tree, note of thanks), more students involved with the painting.
        ii. Get things ready for the spring.
    c. Staffing Updates
        i. Work on the part time music, arts. Long-term sub after thanksgiving (Ms. Summers), she is there every day. One of our JAC teachers (Chris)- excited to bring him on.
        ii. Teachers' new contracts were approved, more compensation for educators, but educational aides have not heard about their contract negotiations.
        iii. Maintain 680, keep staffing model.
    d. Any parent issues of note (relatively quiet)
        i. Welcomed 4 new students this week.
        ii. Getting started on spring enrollment, more field trips, more open houses.
        iii. Principal's Coffee possibilities (PK/K, 1-3, and 4-5), once a month.
    e. Update on equity teacher work; intersection with Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee
        i. Work around engagement. Get more feedback from pockets of parents that we may not be hearing from, do more around focus groups (other ways to engage and hear). Enhancements to existing curriculum.
        ii. School culture feels like it is in a good place.
3. Presidents' Report

a. Update on upcoming Winter events
    i. BINGO night (Jan 11), Talent Show (Jan 27), Movie Night (Feb 8), Bracket Challenge, Read-A-thon (March 2-17) (starting on Read Across America Day), Auction (March 25)
    ii. Events need help.
    iii. Musical: group of volunteers make it a lot easier, pick a musical, possibility of hiring someone to help.
    iv. Will fund the AV system for ~5k.
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c. Committee Chair needs:
    i. current: Social Media, Movie Night, Musical (co-chair need)
    ii. next year: Politics & Prose/Child's Play, Lost & Found, Greens Sale (co-chair need).
    iii. Auction: sponsorships to consider
d. Looking ahead to next year's board - filling positions in spring
e. PTA office Clean-up, looking for volunteers

4. Treasurers' Report
    a. SSF progress
        i. Improvement from last month, but unclear how much coming in for rest of the year.
        ii. Matching funds (need someone for this role).
        iii. Suggestion of pizza party for any class that reaches 100%, special email, keep it in newsletter.
    b. General budget status update - expense overages?
        i. 5k did great, might not be eligible for the grant next week, waiting on auction.
        ii. Unclear if 5th grade is doing Echo Hill (are teachers on board?).
    c. Audit status/plan
        i. Still in progress.
5. Vice Presidents' Report
    a. Room parent spreadsheet, double check remaining room parents
    b. Next year committee spreadsheet in progress
6. Teacher's Report
7. Past Presidents/LSAT Update
    a. Committee assignments, reaching out to different communities in the cities, budget,
    b. Ward3 EdNet- had a chance to meet the new principal of the MacArthur school, many activities planned for new year.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 7, 2023