PTA Board Meeting Minutes–March 7, 2023

Attendees:

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

Committee Chairs Providing Updates

Meagan Bellshaw	Auction Co-Chair

*Not in attendance at this meeting

1) Motion to approve February meeting minutes; minutes approved.

2) Principal's/AP's Report
   a) Coverage is sufficient while Principal Singh is out; Memorial service for her father will be on March 25; scholarship being set up in his honor. We send our thoughts to Principal Singh.
   b) Budget Updates
      i) Janney leadership successfully advocated for additional funds, but still facing a budget cut.
      ii) Another request has been made for additional funding but no updates at this time.
      iii) Newsletter will reference the budget generally, but will not violate lobbying rules.
      iv) Discussion of additional ways PTA can support Janney during this budget period (e.g., promoting EDNet meeting on Ward 3 education policy on March 14).
   c) Janney Talks - Recap on Engaging in Your Child's Learning (March 2), Upcoming talk: Equity Formed Instruction (April 27)
      i) Fewer attendees, but still a successful evening.
      ii) Discussion of how to increase parent participation at all these events (previously Jamboree offered an opportunity for parents to hear the announcements in real time).
   d) School Building/Facility Update –
      i) storage space clean up continues.
      ii) Repairs to fence and garage are complete.
   e) Staffing Updates
      i) Teachers will announce in the spring intent to remain at Janney next year.
      ii) A Janney parent with a music background has taken the music position and will also help teach Spanish. Communication will go out to parents about this exciting addition.
   f) Health/Safety Updates (lice status) – no major issues at this time
   g) Fifth Grade End-of-Year Trip/Plans – 5th grade class is looking for ideas for class gift; 5th grade families are seeking dates of graduation related events.
   h) Any parent issues of note - Discussion of how to recognize Ann B. and her retirement. Potentially at a PTA event or another event that is well attended.

3) Teachers' Report- Nothing significant to report

4) Presidents' Report

a) Recap on past events – Open House (Feb 10) well attended, Community Service family food assembly with We Are Family (Feb 22) successful
b) Updates on current and upcoming events (through May):
    i) Read-A-thon (March 2-17) - DC library card sign-up; pledges going well
    ii) Movie Night (March 8) - volunteers needed!
    iii) Bracket Challenge (March 12-17) – ready to go.
    iv) Auction (March 25) – Meagan provides updates:
        (1) Increase in sponsorships, getaways, solicitations the last few weeks.
        (2) Parent parties are in place, with some details being finalized.
        (3) Ticket sales are good (320). Fliers will be printed and sent out. There will also be a table at the movie night. Discussion of promoting attendance by the teachers.
    v) Open House (April 14)
    vi) Musical (May 5-6) - will be seeking volunteers for specific roles (e.g., costumes programs, etc.).
    vii) Spring Picnic (May 12) - DJ procured, working on food trucks
    viii) International Night (currently May 23)
c) Sound Equipment purchase has gone forward after ensuring nothing was redundant.
d) Recruiting of committee chairs and board members:
    i) Social Media chairs found – Kelly Mastracchio and Sydney Rosenberg
    ii) Committee chairs needed for next year: Politics & Prose/Child's Play, Lost & Found, Greens Sale, Monthly dinners, auction;
    iii) Board members needed for next year
    iv) Discussion of open houses for caregivers interested in volunteering/learning about PTA on March 28th and March 29th; Jane to draft blurb for newletter.
    v) Flyer on getting involved and signup (at movie night and next Janney talk)?

5) Treasurers' Report
    a) General budget status update – SSF numbers fairly stable and reflect great work; fall fundraising is final. Auction will be large source of spring fundraising. We are on track and doing great.
    b) Still a number of expenses that have not been paid out but that we owe. Includes some PTA supported salaries. Discussion of availability of funds for emergency needs.
    c) Audit status – no update.

6) Vice Presidents' Report – no updates

7) Past Presidents/LSAT Update - Continued discussion of budget issues.

Next Meeting, Tuesday, April 4, 2023