PTA Board Meeting Minutes–May 2, 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

*Not in attendance at this meeting

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

2) Principal's/AP's Report
   a) DCPS Budget Updates
      i) Should be able to keep all teachers that want to stay on in some capacity, either in another DCPS funded role or PTA-funded role.
      ii) PTA funding part-time world language and music instruction
      iii) Enrollment numbers are important for planning purposes, given budget cuts.
   b) Security Meeting Report- Walkthrough with DCPS personnel who work on security and outreach and engagement;
      i) discussion on communication around security and transparency for parents and families.
      ii) Considering starting next year with a Janney Talks around security and how to talk with students about security, and including DCPS personnel charged with this.
      iii) There will be additional work this summer in this area and there may be budget needs related to this that PTA can help support.
   c) School Building/Facility Update - No update on permanent HVAC
   d) Staffing Updates - current/next year
      i) Hoping that there will not be vacancies (deadline to notify of intent to stay is end of May).
      ii) Need to fill Ann's position, which is a key position.
   e) Any parent issues of note
      i) Push on enrollment
      ii) Chancellor visit to Janney went well.
      iii) Janney Talks (Equity-Informed Instruction, 4/27) went well. Discussion of next year topics, scheduling, hope to increase participation and brainstorm ideas.

3) Teachers' Report- Build Day @ Hirshhorn (4/29) had a great turnout (students and staff), interactive program, huge success.

4) Presidents' Report
   a) Past events – Clothing Swap (4/29), Open House (4/14) successful
   b) Updates on current and upcoming events (through May):
      i) Teacher Appreciation Week - pushed back to May 8-12 to align with national TA week. Room parents have received instructions. There will be opportunities for volunteering (to serve lunch for example).
      ii) Community Service Book Drive - pushed back to May 8-12
      iii) Musical (May 5-6 sold out!) - Need Concessions help; see Audrey Cooling's email May 2 or tonight's newsletter
      iv) Spring Picnic + Clothing Swap Round 2 (May 12) - volunteers needed, see newsletter
      v) International Night (May 23) - volunteers needed, see newsletter
      vi) Blood Drive (May 24 confirmed)
      vii) Community Meeting - in cafeteria after June 6 PTA meeting; Awards for 5th Grade Parents; Volunteer Appreciation at Surfside following Cmty Mtg
      viii) Years of service awards during staff meetings June 6.
      ix) Open House (June 9) (need to confirm whether it is a tour or open house)
   c) Recruiting of committee chairs and board members
      i) Board member updates -
         (1) PTA presidents: Bethany and Elizabeth
         (2) VP: Jane and Nora
         (3) Secretaries: Caryn (1 year) and Rob (2 years)
         (4) Treasurers: Laura, Nicki, Carter Price
         (5) Past Presidents: Kat and Deanna
      ii) Committee chairs needed for next year: Auction co-chairs, Dining Out chair, BINGO co-chair; Greens co-chair; 5K government affairs
      iii) Discuss new person to help with IT needs, either as a new board position (which will require bylaw amendment) or as a committee chair.

5) Treasurers' Report
   a) SSF report
      i) A number of classes close to 100%; will do another class-specific push. Raised a great amount of funding. Will continue final push.
   b) General budget status update
      i) Fundraising income and SSF are approximately equal. Major fundraising for the year is done and additional expenses are still coming.
      ii) There may be a budget surplus; will confirm with Janney+ how much is still to be transferred.
      iii) Planning for budget for next year- Scheduling SY23-24 budget meeting later in May. Discussion of what preparation would be helpful before that meeting
   c) Audit is in progress.
   d) Nonprofit status will need to be renewed in fall 2026.

6) Vice Presidents' Report
   a) Teacher appreciation reminders will continue this week.
   b) Planning for upcoming summer and year.
   c) Discuss social coffee hour

7) Past Presidents/LSAT Update
    a) See above

Next Meeting, Tuesday, June 6, 2023