PTA Executive Board and Community Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2023
5:30 PM

PTA Executive Board Meeting Participants:

Bethany Hannah, Elizabeth McAdam	Co-Presidents
Jane Simons, Nora Stein*	Co-Vice Presidents
Caryn Marks, Rob Greffenius	Co-Secretaries
Laura Bogomolny, Carter Price, Nicki Kenny	Co-Treasurers
Deanna Lizas, Kat Davis	Past Co-Presidents
Matt Cohen	SSF Chair, ANC Commissioner
Danielle Singh	Janney Principal
Nicole Ugel	AP
Liz DiCrosta*, Robin Lead(sp)	Faculty Representative
Mike Barnhart	Janney Logistics Coordinator

*Not in attendance this meeting

1) Introductions

2) Motion to approve June meeting minutes; minutes approved.

3) SSF Communications Strategy:

    a. Status of efforts to date.
    b. Discussion on ways to reach goal of 100% giving and crafting talking points to align with why the funds are needed and how the funds are spent (i.e. education, safety and security enhancements, etc.)

4) Goals as a Board for the Year:
    a) Increasing participation in the SSF
    b) Enhanced Teacher Appreciation Support
    c) Increase participation in the PTA to give back to the community or beautify the school and to meet other parents

5) Principals/Report:
    a) Started year fully staffed as a school
    b) Working to support partner teachers with degree programs while they continue negotiations with DCPS
    c) Thirty smart boards have arrived to allow for increased technological capacity in classrooms (SSF funded)
    d) Walkie-Talkies have arrived to allow for increased communications throughout the day and in the event of any security emergency response capabilities (SSF funded)
    e) Monitoring HVAC issues; spot coolers assisting
    f) HEPA air filters – working to support staff and classrooms (funded by SSF)
    g) LED lights on pathway – work orders and electricians working to address
    h) Working with LSAT to finalize Janney Talks topics and dates; first one will be on safety and security; tentative October 12th ; combine it as a PTA community meeting

i) Will communicate updated COVID guidance once DCPS releases them from Department of Health

6) AP Report:
   a) Working to integrate new families into the Janney community
   b) Working with the advanced math students to ensure they are challenged; working to infuse math and writing into science
   c) Working with the AU/GW interns as potential future staff members; currently 8 at Janney and are funded by the universities
   d) Working to make sure kids and teachers happy – ensure they are loved, challenged, and prepared

7) Presidents' Report:
   a) Back to school activities - successfully hosted staff lunch with Janney teachers; new family playdate and class coffees; Fall Picnic; all well attended
   b) Back to School night – will include a PTA presentation including SSF and Committees; consider a table with sign-ups for committees/activities
   c) Politics and Prose Booksale – Sept 30th/Oct 1st ;
   d) Blood Drive – October 19th
   e) Committee Chairs – a few gaps remaining but majority of committee and event chairs are confirmed

8) Treasurers' Report:
   a) Budget in good shape
   b) Report on funding from Fall Picnic
   c) No spend yet
   d) Working with Chase bank to update account points of contact
   e) Will contribute to support families that have lost a parent

9) Vice Presidents' Report
   a) In process of gathering room parent names – will identify any gaps

10) Past Presidents/LSAT Update
   a) LSAT meeting the week of Sept 18th