PTA Executive Board and Community Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2024
5:30 PM

Attendees:

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
Danielle Singh	Janney Principal
Nicole Ugel	AP
Robyn Nelson, Penina Freedenberg*	Faculty Representative
Mike Barnhart	Janney Logistics Coordinator

*Not in attendance this meeting

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- Motion to approve December meeting minutes; minutes approved

- Principal/AP Report
  - Hosted a recent Janney Talks on Restorative Practices
  - Staffing
    - New members of the security team
  - Nursing Update
    - Continuing to support and manage health needs
    - Teacher training continuing on epi-pens
  - Illness Update
    - Continuing with lice screenings (based on 10-14 lice lifecycle); reminders for parents to take preventive measures will be included in newsletters
    - Will continue to monitor the situation and take additional actions as necessary
  - Food at Fundraising events
    - Concessions will be available for both Bingo and Talent Show

- School Building/Facility Update
  - Working to replace the basketball goal
  - Purchased new vacuum cleaners to help minimize nits and lice in classrooms

- Upcoming Winter/Early Spring Events
  - Working to identify a “dining-out” chair
  - Upcoming book store fundraisers - will work with the librarian in advance to create a book list/wish list for classes
  - Auction ticket sales are on track
  - Movie night currently scheduled for March 13th

- Volunteers
    - Brainstormed ideas to engage additional and new parent volunteers for committees and events (ie behavioral economics “nudges”)
    - Will begin identifying open positions on the Executive Board to fill positions in the Spring for the 2024/2025 school year

- Boundary Study
    - Per recent meetings attended – the goal of the boundary study is to address overcrowding and diversity at Janney
    - Discussed how the PTA would engage and educate families about the boundary study and the impacts on Janney
    - Discussed how the PTA would submit comments for a community response

- Treasurer’s Report
    - All on track based on budget
    - Continuing to work to get additional SSF participation
    - Discussion of creating a poster with a QR code to advertise during school events

- Teacher’s Report
    - The teachers have now worked over 100 days with an expired contract; their last contract was for a 3-year retroactive contract that expired in October
    - PTA share information and a draft letter with the community to have parents submit to the Chancellor to urge him to sit down with the Washington Teachers Union for negotiations