

PTA Minutes
6-12-13

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting passed.

Discussion of creating event calendar for next year. Would like to have Google doc with all events and dates, which can be accessed by any ACCESS community member at any time. Would like to select as many dates as possible ahead of time.

Send dates to Pamela by Friday June 30th for inclusion in calendar.

2014 Auction is scheduled for April 4th.

Christine: Earning for Learning at Lloyd Center. Weekly drawings with monetary awards for schools. Runs August–September.

Eryn: Official move to RCP is June 20–21. We are not allowed in the building yet; office will not open there until August. Updates to come. Eryn asks for patience on improvement projects (painting, etc.); she is coordinating with parents on gardening/watering this summer. We have gotten a starter collection of library books from Tubman, and Ms. Tini will be moving with us to the new location. Maxine still to be point person for collection of book donations over the summer, which Ms. Tini can then sort through and approve (books she does not want will be offered to teachers, and then donated).

Interviewing for 1–2 position this Friday and next Monday. Ms. deBoer will also be coming with us. We will have a .2 FTE art teacher, but we do not yet know who it will be. Approximately \$13K raised via Run for the Arts.

Eryn making t-shirts for the start of school. Several teachers are working on activities to help kids come together as a school community at the start of and throughout the year (scavenger hunts, buddies/mentors, etc.)

Judy: Locker update is that it will cost ~\$6K to get 162 used lockers from distributor (including delivery). Soonest we could have them would be Thanksgiving. Don't know whether district will contribute (we have applied). We may also get funds from Eryn's fund and/or parent community. Level of priority for this project? Wait for word from PPS and to decide what other needs will be.

Next year we will have 2 lunches, slightly longer than current ones, and 2 separate recesses. Grades 1-5 and 6-8.

End of year business:

1. Transfer of Treasurer: New Accounting software package. Motion to approve software package up to \$260 passed.
2. Bowling fundraiser: Motion to approve: Motion to make bowling event an official PTA thing - (David, Sarah) motion passed.
3. FB/BigTent options (see below)
4. Final Budget snapshot: will have ~\$3K in bank as year closes.
5. Committee involvement: Pause
6. PTA authored a letter to the district, asking for growth plan; we now have plan. Kristen and Pamela presented draft. Motion to submit letter (Judy, David): motion passed.
7. Communications: Facebook vs. BigTent. JaneAnn his bifurcated site into current ACCESS families, and Highly Gifted Youth forum. Both Facebook and BigTent have benefits: no downside to having both. Be sure to duplicate important conversations. Directory update: aiming to distribute pdf by end of this week. Will only include families who elected to input information. Request to identify class parents in the directory beginning in the fall.
8. Motion to transfer needed funds to Chess club (Mona, Pamela): motion passed.
9. Potlucks prior to PTA meetings next year? PTA meetings every other month; leadership to meet on off months.
10. Looking into used musical instruments for next year, also possible afterschool golf club. Catherine to be afterschool activity scheduling joint person, coordinating with Eryn.
11. Leaders for foundation next year will be Val (Chair) and Lucy (Treasurer). Kristi Byfield will be chairing the auction. Any members who wish to lead a particular interest area should speak with Pamela.