PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

School Reform Team 3 Offices 1631 La France Drive, Atlanta, GA Wednesday, May 14, 2009 6:30 PM

Present: Yolonda Brown, Aaron Danzig, Steve Fazenbaker, Lynne Kushner, Elizabeth

Lieberman, Clare Richie, Guido Sacchi Invited Guests: Julie Simon, Kris White Absent: Jenn Ballentine, Jason Brewster

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Clare Richie. Introductions were made for the benefit of invited guests. Agenda was distributed and adopted.

Enrichment Committee

- Steve proposed the creation of three PTO committees to oversee enrichment; committees approved by the board:
 - After School / After Care chaired by Elizabeth Mothershed, deals primarily with after care and clubs
 - o Green / Wellness overseeing health and wellness activities
 - Special Events overseeing larger events that happen on an annual or semiannual basis
- New clubs were suggested: Forensic Sciences, Robotics, Computers, Jump Rope. An email solicitation for club suggestions and volunteers will be sent out.
- Enrichment Committee Report attached

Budget

- Treasurer's Report (attached) was distributed and accepted
- PTO budget for Summer 2009 (attached) was proposed, amended, and accepted.

Fundraising

Lynne offered several suggestions for board approval:

- Dine Out: once a month
- Business Outreach program
- purchasing through OneCause.com website
- Mother Earth Fundraising (as a fall fundraiser)
- Note cards (as a spring fundraiser)
- New Year's Eve family party
- annual May Day event, fall event
- adult event

PTO vs. PTA

Ms. Brown shared that currently, APS expects (but does not require) all schools to have a PTA. APS is currently researching whether a PTO can serve as an appropriate alternative for a PTA.

Nominating Committee

Aaron presented a report outlining the Nominating Committee for the PTO board to be elected in the fall:

- Nominating Committee will consist of 2-4 members
- 1-2 members from the existing board, 1-2 not on existing board
- The Nominating Committee will be responsible for managing elections
 - o Nominations for President, VP-President Elect, 6 At-Large Positions
 - Nominations begin at the first PTO meeting in August, continue for 15 days.
 - o Nominations to be collected by the Nominating Committee
 - Slate of nominees published 15 days prior to September PTO general meeting
 - Voting will be conducted by email, U.S. Mail, and at the September meeting
 - o Slates of candidates are acceptable
 - o Candidates may be nominated from the floor prior to September election

Volunteer Needs

Clare reported on recruiting volunteers

- Names to be collected through newsletters, website
- board to be in conversation with committees re: volunteer opportunities

Upcoming meetings:

• PTO Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 23, 6:30 PM, at the SRT-3 Office

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Fazenbaker