

## GENERAL PTA MEETING

Monday, March 13, 2023 @ 6:30pm

CALL TO ORDER at 6:35 pm

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 2022

Lynley motion to approve

Stephanie 2<sup>nd</sup>

16 votes in favor = meetings approved

- Special Meeting

Lynley motion to approve

Stephanie 2<sup>nd</sup>

16 votes in favor = meetings approved

- Special Meeting February 13

Lynley motion to approve

Stephanie 2<sup>nd</sup>

16 votes in favor = meetings approved

### PRESIDENTS' REPORT - Deanne Uroic

Special Guests

Holiday Party

Day of Love

Teacher Appreciation Week (moved due to testing)

Spring Movie Night upcoming = weather dependent = Friday email if cancel

Bingo prizes = please email if not claimed

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME - Sharyn Briscoe – skip to Christina as she has to leave early

### VICE PRESIDENTS' UPDATES

☐ Communications - Christina Hodgen - CPNO meeting so has to leave early

Keep pertinent info at the top

People still missing things

☐ Education - Holly Goldberg

STEAM day success = switch from science night

During school day = thanks Stephanie schumacher and Anjali

Black History Month = HBCU = Melissa Hawkins and Johari Harris

Art Night upcoming

☐ Fundraising - Saira Draper

Deanne = fulfilling business partner obligations = met or exceeded expectations with \$/in kind

Teacher Raffle

☐ Operations - Kelly Collins

Tours are going well

Increased interest lately = thanks Brittany = need volunteer to help coordinate

Teacher appreciation week = thanks Sarah Perlin for help (and to room parents)

Switched from individual parents to room parents

Staff = including specials = catered breakfast/lunch

Feedback?

Non homeroom staff donations = 45 people \$350/per person last year

= just once (holidays) rather than 2x a year

Deanne = Video presentation showing where \$ is going

Poco loco

Fox bros

Moes

Chick-fil-a

Swag for teachers = tshirts

Teacher lounge = jill Stanley and stephanie Schumacher 4/5 hall across from bathrooms

Holiday and end of year parties = brewhouse for holidays / will have end of year party

Teacher appreciation = \$100 per classroom to buy books for classroom libraries

Patrick survey asking what the teachers wanted = books and meals

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME - Sharyn Briscoe

24/25 season budget approval

Principal's coffee on Friday = testing/milestones

Special Guest Q&A – Atlanta BOE members and APS representative = Until 7:15 pm

1. What can our membership do to help with engagement / transparency

Cynthia Briscoe Brown = seat 8 at large on the board

At large board member = City wide election = focus on larger view

= all my schools and all my kids

Depends on issue = multiple board members / respectful friendly engagement

Won't turn down opportunities to respond via email/telephone/let's talk

If operational issue (bus is late = let's talk my work better if administration issue)

Subject matter heading = get it to person in administration who helps

Specific heading = if just mary lin it goes to Sharyn

Tamara Jones at large board member = in Orlando so spotty wifi

Really appreciates PTA = advocacy organization = transparent and documented

Engage with go team and board members

establish protocols to dialogue with board/administration

cluster advisory team meetings = multiple organizations at once

advocate and come up with solutions

Jessica Johnson at large board member seat 9

Group form is helpful = info in agenda and questions ahead of time helps

Cynthia Briscoe Brown

At large board sessions are starting again = gather in a coffee shop / restaurant

Talk informally with whoever shows up

Working on dates/locations/formats

Get to know each other

4 before end of school year (one in each quadrant)

Announce on social media / board emails (president@marylin)

2. Core capacity primary consideration / also natural boundaries / safety

Enrollment projections = push for up to date/accurate data – hold those responsible

Tamara Jones

Board Policy = potential rezoning = criteria

Maximize walk zone / neighborhood cohesion (sometimes compete with each other)

Administration yearly check in

Background in facilities management

Regular checkpoints

Not talking about redistricting every year = projections correct?

Make adjustments

Michelle Olympiads

Projections/capacity = not getting it right = elementary schools added

Stay engaged and keep eye on ball

Elementary schools are growing / more young families moving in

Student success funding formula = less money per student

Tamara Jones

Budgetary issues = facility solution to solve budget problem

Losing Title 1 funding

What does it take to put into a school in order to meet standards of school

despite title 1 status / additional resources?

Make sure schools are funded / money moving to all the schools

Stay engaged in budget discussions

Michelle Olympiads

Budget committee perspective = not walk back into a per student discussion?

Fund schools first / then where the rest of the APS staff money comes from

General funds = property tax base / QBE = go to schools first

Principal goes to budget committee

PTA/Foundation will not pay for people / pay for school

Other districts need more support than here

Paradigm shift

Cynthia Briscoe Brown

Dollars impact decisions / decisions impact dollars

Troy Williams Deputy COO APS Strategy (been with APS a little over a year)

Transportation and nutrition = still getting up to speed on master planning

Question 3: talking about redistricting again next year

Scenario 1 = why not do that ahead of time?

Create other options that need to be explored

Residency review for 8-10<sup>th</sup> grades for Midtown

Tamara Jones when ? Starts this spring

Michelle Olympiads = just Midtown or all schools?

Midtown first / then Jackson (because of capacity)

Then Burgess Peterson

Sharyn Briscoe = also elementary schools?

Tamara Jones = know results for residency for decision this spring?

250 students = viability of innovations/residency?

How much time does that get us?

Troy Williams

depends on how well reviews go / resources towards that?

One person from registration office? Allocate additional?

Mr. Drake = Westlake Fulton County = took longer

How many students removed = report from news 200?

Michelle Olympiads = Burgess Peterson large facility

Trying to annex in

Innovation = Dr. Bockman = already knows how to run school

She needs support / not told how to run school

Muslim child has to use storage space to pray

Administration work with innovation = give her respect

Cynthia Briscoe Brown

give principals autonomy / support what they need

Troy = Kevin Maxwell = collaborate with principals from the APS

Question 4 = residency review prior to moving forward with Scenario 1/2

Troy Williams

recommendation prior to spring break (based on info on hand)

Cynthia Briscoe Brown First read / final review

April recommendation / May review

Tamara Jones first read in May now / review in June

2 phases = find out answer to the consistency

Question 5 = if choose scenario 1 or 2 = talk about redistricting again / if so when?

Share info with board / APS

Troy = not talk about redistricting every year (3-5 years if scenario 2)

Annual review of capacity = data gathering not redistricting

Tamara Jones = same impression

If redistrict = not have to discuss again for 3-5 years

Take effect 24-25 school year

How long does innovation buy us?

Cynthia Briscoe Brown

Factors = community been rezoned within last few years?

Assurance that not back here again next year having same discussion

Protect neighborhoods / continuity of experience for kids

Deanne = lost inman park = 200 kids?

CBB = take recommendation once it has been completed

Went through what amounted to rezoning

Take into consideration

Sharyn = what does innovation mean?

Example from another school?

Deanne = Katie said it didn't matter that Inman was rezoned in this decision

We should be considered as re-zoned

CBB = we can take this back (so can Troy)

Concern of the community

Jessica Johnson = appreciate emails = inform needs of community

Michelle Olympiads = appreciate Jessica for stepping up and listening

Redistricting = division of VAHI = split into 2 schools

Keep neighborhoods together

Walk-ability and bike-ability are important

Phoenix townhomes 500-600k = new families

Rezoning candler/lake claire = not happen in next 2-3 years

Conversation to address capacity

Crim cluster

Kirkwood = Coan become a HS?

14 acres = unique property

East Atlanta neighborhood regrow cluster?

Spark go south = feedback?

Plenty of room at Midtown = whole football field

Manhattan comparison = building on a block

Deanne = direct community engagement = people who are affected

Good starting point

CBB = one way vs two way community engagement

Tone/language that doesn't put up barriers

Sharyn = innovation?

Tamara Jones = architectural = creative use of space

Residency review

Move teachers from space to space

Am/pm schedule / virtual component?

Discuss with community before decide

Limit to innovation (no temporary space to be added?)

#### ☐ Parent Involvement - Stephanie Smith

Movie night = call that morning = st patricks day = wear green (rain out date is 04.14)

Parents night out in late april

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### ➤ Nominating Committee

Seth Eisenberg

Volunteer job

Approve names

Anjali Kastorf

Suzanne Eisenberg

Danielle Lober

Lynley Teras

Holly Goldberg

Alternates

Melissa Hawkins

Andy Deutsch  
Motion Patrick McGrath  
2nd Kelly Collins  
Vote 16 in favor

- Spirit Wear  
Amy Wheeler Thanks! Open year round now (website)
- Linapalooza  
2 or 4 pm on March 26 (tickets on website)
- Teacher Raffle  
Annual = teacher experiences – roll out on Wednesday on MemberHub (auto raffle)
- Art Night = april 15
- Rocket Run = april 30 = registration open
- Community Engagement – Next Steps  
New chair person to just focus on what is happening with APS = google drive attachment

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Education Foundation Update = Emily newton \$150k raised for new grants  
Painting outside  
Conferences for teachers = steam related  
Habitat areas = todd bowler / party this Thursday / donate over \$750  
Looking for volunteers to join board /especially accounting background / once a month
- GO Team Update = Katrina Fuller  
Meeting on Wednesday = approve budget for next year  
Need volunteers for community positions  
School and budget
- LCN and CPNO Updates = link on website to join/neighborhood meetings  
Yukiko (CPNO) meeting march 20 = historical  
Update on 2 scenarios = guide to make your own decisions / links to share opinions  
Start scenario 1 immediately  
take redistricting off board if changes so not revisit annually  
LCN Annsley Klehr = education committee put back together  
March 16 LCN meeting  
Sarah Perlin = similar letter as to CPNO  
Paused as scenarios posted = have draft
- CINS Update Annsley Klehr  
Midtown cluster NPO  
Hiring Panel Debrief on Wednesday  
Howard Principal update  
APS / City Council feedback  
Livestream and Live

## TREASURER'S REPORT - Patrick McGrath

Everything is going mostly as expected  
School partners increased / raffle = should increase budgeted revenue  
Overall good shape



General Membership Q&A

Nothing

Additional Questions for APS/BOE in writing

ADJOURN at 8:23 pm