

General PTA Meeting 4/19/22

Call to order @ 6:32 Alice

Read mission statement

Approve March meeting minutes

Motion to approve -

Second - Kelly Collins

Approved - Andy Deutsch

Principal's Report

- Principal's coffee - Samantha Clay from district testing office. This was recorded - topic was the Milestones
- Please vote for Go Team, ballots just opened yesterday
- Use of the Inman Building - Mary Lin didn't make any official comments except for one statement from the Inman Park Neighborhood Association Education department - that they are neutral
 - Some SPARK community groups are advocating for SPARK dual campus. They wanted to know if the Lin Go Team or any other group would support that option.
 - Why are Mary Lin's numbers included in one option but not others (SPARK numbers would be too low without IP. Each member of the GoTeam shared opinion and 100% preferred that Mary Lin stay as-is with Inman).
 - Vote is in May
 - Maybe we should do a straw poll
 - 2 options:
 - Survey - Inman is a K-5 and Inman Park leaves
 - Spark is a dual campus and IP stays at Lin
 - Lin is at 82% capacity
 - Is funding affected if we lose IP students? - Yes, based on the number of students who are enrolled in your building. \$4500 funding per student, 159 kids would be lost from IP.
 - How would the specials teachers be affected? - We may need only 1 coach instead of 2 if IP leaves Mary Lin. Not sure how this would affect our specials teams.
 - If IP doesn't go to Spark and Spark is under enrolled, could Spark get a pre-K. Or if IP does leaves, can Mary Lin get a pre-K? Pre-K is not part of the enrollment counts for student-based funding.
 - Why are people saying that IP kids should go to Spark if they're under enrolled - this isn't a good reason? - The question is more, why is Mary Lin included in one solution and not the other.
 - Mary Lin parents have been underrepresented in the survey on the future of the Inman Middle building.

Co-Presidents' report

- Garden cleanup, Science day, school tours all happened recently.
- Linapalooza is about to happen
- Purchased t-shirts for orchestra and band
- DEI donated 28 books to media center
- Hosted egg hunt & lunch for teachers
- This week is Earth Week - went over each day's event
- Rocket Run is this Sunday - registration is open till Friday night
- This summer, we'll have usual playdates and Kindergarten blastoff
- 4-5 Academy behind the scenes information:
 - All 4 schools came up with options survey, then APS did away with the 4-5 idea
 - Last week the GoTeam stated that they unanimously feel Mary Lin should not be involved in either of the 2 options currently being considered.
 - Spark asked Lin to weigh in, so we're trying to determine how best to solicit opinions from our community. The survey is just collecting info on how people feel about the options.
 - 158 responses, 78.5% support dual campus/lin untouched, 21.5% support IP going to Spark.
 - 73.4% said they prefer Lin to be left out of the discussion
 - The info collected will be shared with the Lin community
 - April 13th GoTeam meeting, RB from the 14th - watch/read these things if you want to know more about the options
 - Survey closes Friday.

Treasurer's report - Patrick McGrath

- Went over fundraising
- Brought in \$15k in grants for sunshade and it's almost completely paid for
- \$38k in bank

Communications - Melissa, Deanne

- RB still goes out every Thursday, get content to her by Wednesday afternoon
- Covid updates going out via Remind from Mary Benton
- Having very 1st author reading for 3-5th grades - The Marvelers

Education - Holly Goldberg

- Anjali Kastorf and Sharon Tate - thank you for running Science Day and Art Night

Fundraising - Heather Stewart

- Successful dine-outs recently
- Shipment of spiritwear coming soon
- Raffle for Contact Point coming up

Operations

- No update

Parent Involvement

- Linapalooza - buy your tickets! It's in person!
- Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey.
- Lots of good info on fundraisers, how often people want to donate, and how they'd like to participate

New Business

Elections

Anjali Kastorf - chair of nominating committee

2022-23 PTA Board Nominees:

President - Deanne Uroic

Treasurer - Patrick McGrath

Secretary - Mike Rethinger

VP, Communications - Christina Hodgen

VP, Education - Holly Goldberg

VP, Fundraising - Saira Draper

VP, Operations - Kelly Collins

VP, Parent Involvement - Stephanie Smith

No other nominations were made

Motion to approve nominees as posted in chat (above) - Melanie Levs

Lynley seconded the motion to approve the nominees

Voted - all in favor

Motion unanimously carried - nominees approved.

Kudos to Alice for her service!

7:14 - meeting adjourned by Alice