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PTA Exec Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2019

8:15 am

- I. Call-to-Order--President Emily Fink called the meeting to order at 8:23 am
- II. Review of minutes from the last PTA exec meeting on October 30, 2019
  - a. **Emily Fink seeks a motion to approve**
    - i. **Motion made by Matt Fox**
    - ii. **Motion seconded by Joanna Kobylivker**
  - b. **Motion passes unanimously**
  - c. **Minutes adopted**
- III. Emily Fink—President’s Updates
  - a. Upcoming meetings:
    - i. Winter General Membership meeting is now Tuesday January 21, 2020 6:30 pm
    - ii. Next Executive Committee meeting is January 8, 2020 8:15 am (tentative)
    - iii. Facilities meeting January 15, 2020 at Inman MS 6:00 pm
      1. Want to do a sneak peak at Inman before and/or after this meeting so parents can get familiar with the space
      2. Exec agrees we should all attend, if possible. We are concerned APS will count the trailers at Inman in future capacity planning as it looks like the capacity numbers they are using includes the trailers. MES needs a say in what happens at Inman long term. Robin Edwards (1st and K parent) is going to get involved in communications on these topics.
    - iv. Community meeting with APS on December 17, 2019 at 6:00 pm—hosted by the Go Team family engagement committee--to discuss the reasons behind the K Center decisions.
  - b. Kerry and Emily are going to sit on the design committee for the new MES. A survey will go out and they are exploring other methods to gather input.
  - c. Items to post 30 days ahead of the next meeting for consideration by the general membership:
    - i. Allow the final meeting of each year to take place in April OR May instead of being required in May
    - ii. Advertise for nominating committee
    - iii. Adding a new VP—Community and Culture



**PTA** Morningside  
Elementary  
School

1. Allows us to separate Boosterthon and Halloween as they are too much or one person and Halloween is ore of a community event than a fundraiser now. Perhaps also reassign science night, variety show or book fair.
2. Will assist with alignment between PTA, foundation and GO Team.
3. Can be a route of communication with our new neighborhood

IV. Treasurer—Susan Mapen

- a. GA PTA is open to changes in the bylaws. Do we want to ask for a change to allow co-treasurers as recommended by the auditor?
  - i. Susan says problem with co chairs is a two year commitment and it's not a role that can be easily split.
  - ii. Consensus is to leave this as is.

V. Fundraising Report--Sally Carroll

- a. Goodbye from Sally--Transition to Fabricio will happen tomorrow
- b. Boosterthon—contract has been renegotiated.
  - i. When we hit 150k, their take goes down to 35%. Anything above that amount is 90/10 in our favor.
  - ii. they have expressed a willingness to work on the quality of the prizes.
- c. Auction venue and date are booked
  - i. Decision point--Is this a fundraiser or are we just going to have a social without the auction element?
    1. We are ahead of budget due to carnival and boosterthon success. Dolphin Donors have also exceeded expectations. We have raised 49k of our overall fundraising goal of 50k for the year.
    2. Can we tone down the auction and hold a raffle or some smaller scale fundraiser as a part of the event? A lot of unexpected expenses always arise, so we should raise some money, but should it be toward a specific goal like the future field of dreams?
      - a. Principal Sofianos says teachers are being surveyed as to needs. This may inform this process/goal.
    3. Auction details will be finalized at the January meeting. Think about our overall goals of enrichment over fundraising. Casino night generally raises \$15-20k as opposed to the typical auction goal of \$50-70k

VI. Operation--Kerry Weinheimer

- a. Scholarships for after school activities. We set aside 3k. Kerry met with Ms Salahi, who has identified 8 students so far who will be enrolled for spring.
- b. Parent U—Susan, Kerry and Kelli Hadfiled have been brainstorming. Several levels to the idea of community of kindness—kids level—how do they interact and how is good work recognized? Techie level—school already pays for a curriculum here that not all teachers are utilizing. Teachers are already overwhelmed, so we need to get parents more involved. but we don't want to encourage helicoptering—the emphasis should be on



empowering kids to advocate for themselves. Kerry is getting Mr Rawls involved as he connects with the kids so well and is exposed to all of them. He has great ideas and is concerned about how anxious even the first grade kids can be. Basic concept—how do we raise adults who are responsible, kind, and high functioning?

VII. Enrichment--Katherine Collins

- a. Variety show is over budget and still needs a judge or two. Only one response from the outreach. The Ferst Center cost has gone up 25% and we can no longer rent the parking lot. Parking will be \$10/car day of the event.
  - i. We can explore using Howard next year but Ferst has really raised the level of the performance because they provide professional staff.
  - ii. Do we even need to cover the cost through tickets or can we consider this a community event? Looking at \$12-14/ticket plus parking. Was \$5/ticket at Grady and \$20/ticket last year.

VIII. SWAG--Joanna Kobylivker

- a. Crayola color cycle program has been proposed. A box for recycling markers will be placed at each campus. Any markers—don't have to be crayola—and they recycle them.
- b. Composting—APS has said yes, but we cannot burden the facilities staff in any way. This works for us as we want the kids to own and understand the composting. Joanna will spearhead educating the kids. Will need parents volunteers—sign up sheets will come soon, kick off in January. Principal Sofianos will confirm all details and the January start date.
- c. Atlanta sustainable schools committee—working to remove red meat from the menus. Tasting coming up at Grady to ensure kids will eat the available options. Also meeting with an organization that takes leftover prepared food and redistributes them to needy families.
- d. SWAG is ready to start planning the garden at Inman. Amanda Patton has volunteered. The hydroponic tower is coming. Garden MES @Inman will be part inside and part outside. The chickens aren't coming because of space.

IX. Principal's Report--Audrey Sofianos

- a. Space planning for MES @Inman are underway now. The administration hopes to use the portables for meetings and storage and limit education use to the extent possible. Might be a

X. Meeting adjourned at 10 am.