

February Lawton PTA Board Meeting, 2/05/2015

General Business

- **Attendance:** Kathryn Ficarra, Carrie Wheeler, Dorian Manza, Jen Wenrick, Shannon Sommer, Amy Tucci Webert, Cheryl Parks, Lisa Blau, Lisa Johnson, Elaine Cooper and Amanda Armes
- **January 2015 Board Meeting Minutes** - Amy moved that minutes be approved, Kathryn seconded and minutes were approved.
- **Approval of minutes from January General Membership Meeting** - postponed until next Board meeting

Upcoming Events:

- **Last Kindergarten Tour** Friday 2/6/2015- Carrie
 - Meagan Green and Vanessa Gregory are chairs; The following Board members will be there: Kathryn, Jen, Amy, Carrie and Katie
 - Change in tour dates from Friday 1/23 and Tuesday 2/10 TO Friday 1/23 and Friday 2/6
 - Carrie shared the new brochure with the Board and everyone liked it
 - Open House was Wednesday January 28th 6:30-7:30pm
 - Feedback about open house/tours - lots of parents from out of neighborhood; should we preemptively tell them there is no room?
 - Ongoing Kindergarten class size issue: there will be a meeting for concerned parents on Friday, February 20th, 2015 at 9:00am
- **Music Concerts - Elaine**
 - 4th and 5th grade concert - the date was changed to Feb 26th, 2015
 - Recorder and Instrumental concert - moved from June to May 19th, 2015
 - Kindergarten concert is May 14th, 2015
- **World Culture Celebration - Cheryl / Elaine**
 - Cheryl updated the Board on the events scheduled for World Cultures Week
 - Thursday, February 12th, 2015 is the World Cultures Open House; doors will open at 6 for parents and students to tour together; there will also be a Taiko Drumming event the same evening at 7:40 in commons; It will be SRO with kids sitting in the front and parents standing in back. ,
 - Market Day is on Tuesday, February 10th, 2015 during the school day; this is an event just for kids

Budget Update

- Katie was unable to attend the meeting so she emailed her update to Kathryn who shared it with the Board:
 - The February Direct Drive Payments are finished (3rd of 4)
 - A big deposit (\$42,830.94) was made on February 4th, 2015, but Katie does not yet have the dollar breakout to line items so it is not included in the updated budget
 - 3 payments were made to Johnson Southerland for the Playground project, with 1 reimbursement included in the big deposit mentioned above
 - 1099's went out on Monday, February 9th, 2015
 - She is doing the PTA taxes this weekend for the February 15th deadline
 - The pizza for the Playground meeting came out of the Islandwood Passthrough where the Islandwood Bake Sale monies are
 - Katie will be attending the BLT meeting on February 10th.
 - **One question - childcare for PTA meeting. Jennifer indicated it should all come from Playground project but we also have a fund and it was our general mtg, so should we not pay for some of it?**

Playground Update

- Amy provided an update on the Playground Project:
 - The discussion at the General Membership meeting went well and there was a lot of enthusiasm for the project

- The priorities that emerged from the “Dot” process were, in order: the hillside play area, the nature trail (in ivy corner by emergency storage), the running/walking path, a small amphitheater and the game court (for kickball, four square, and 2 basketball hoops); also, the track can be incorporated into any final design; eventually the covered area could be painted
- She noted that we should remove anything that could be broken soon

School Update

- Dorian and Carrie provided an update about Kindergarten class size issues
 - Many Kindergarten parents are concerned about the high number of students in the Kindergarten classes (28, 28 and 27);
 - Dorian and Carrie believe that the district is unlikely to do anything about this as there are overcrowding issues in the whole district and our class sizes look “good” compared to Kindergartens in other neighborhoods (NE Seattle has Kindergarten classes with 32 kids)
 - Some parents want to write letters to district and legislature, and to raise money for tutors, classroom assistants etc.

Soiree

- Lisa and Kathryn gave an update on Soiree planning
- The date will be Friday, May 8th at the Fremont Foundry; Caterer will be Cameron Catering (a Lawton Alum); Cheryl is checking with the Dance Dude to see if he can be a DJ and auctioneer
- Laura Van Horne is working on the classroom art auction projects and many are already complete
- There will be a silent auction and a live auction (class art and higher ticket items will be a part of the live auction)
- The ticket price will be \$50 which will cover hors d'oeuvres and dessert; hope to have 225-250 people; reduced price for teachers (\$30)
- The Soiree planning group is talking about possibly doing formal invites and is also talking about looking for sponsorship from local business; Will also decide what the dollar goal will be for the “raise the paddle” for the playground project
- The next planning meeting is February 18th

2015-2016 PTA Board Positions

- The following Board positions are open next year: Co President; Co Vice-President; and Treasurer
- Two people that have expressed interest: Cynthia Dodd (Kindergartner in Mrs. Fatland’s class) and Amanda Armes (one Kindergartner, one second grader and one that will start K in a couple years)
- Jen has talked to a couple people who might be interested in various positions;
- Everyone on board should look at job descriptions and make sure they are updated for March meeting

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