

## Maple PTSA Meeting Minutes    Tuesday, December 12, 2017

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Attendance: Pete Smith, Gitane Versakos, Joy Raymond, Emily King, Summer Gallagher, Nikki Beall, Stephen Dooley, Gail Sehlhorst, Stephen Bucheit, Maria Herman, Agnes Gomez, and Angela Clement.

Meeting start time: 6:35PM

### Welcome and Introductions

#### Atrium Project – Pete Smith and Stephen Dooley

- Proposal of Atrium Project using an existing Department of Neighborhoods 18-month old grant (about \$3500).
- Atrium is located roughly in the center of the school and this project would refurbish the space for students and teachers, a place of usability and beauty.
- Handout was circulated showing the proposal (now also posted on the PTSA Facebook page).
- Pete clarified:
  - as long as materials are not anchored/attached then the school district is okay for schools to act independently;
  - water and electrical exists out there;
  - Parent has already volunteered to remove existing stump in Spring.
  - Maple staff was previously invited for input in planning
  - Goal: completion by the end of this school year.
- **ASK:** volunteer labor, volunteer woodworking, money from PTSA for building materials.
- Per PTSA consensus: Pete and Stephen will move forward with this process.
- Contact for volunteers: Pete Smith (petetsmith@gmail.com)

#### Creative Advantage Arts Team – Stephen Bucheit and Gail Sehlhorst

- Big picture: Creative Advantage Arts Team is a citywide/schoolwide initiative to provide equal access for all students to receive art education; it's basically Seattle Public Schools' arts plan
- WHY? students more likely to be engaged, do better academically, become civically involved.
- Arts is basic education.
- GOAL: increase arts and music education for all students at Maple; arts integration with classroom teachers to bringing arts into science class, literacy instruction, etc.
- Process: 4yr plan in the Southeast Region (handout).
- Maple Arts team: Elena Sanchez, Monica Whitford, Lisa Moore, Stephen Bucheit, Gail Sehlhorst;
- Financial resources from the district: \$3000 this year; \$7500 for next year
- **ASK:** 2 more parents and 2 more teachers which involves 3-hour planning meetings (one Thursday, one in February and one at the end of the year). A one year commitment at minimum.
- Stephen Dooley and Gitane Versakos volunteered for Arts Team.

**Principal Update** – deferred.

#### PTSA President Update– Joy Raymond

- Calendar/Event review:
  - African American Night on 2/8.

- Lunar New Year: on 2/16; daytime assembly.
- Multicultural Night (combined Latino and Philippine Night) on 5/10.
- Bingo Night on 3/9
- To Do: Joy Raymond to meet with Daisy Barragan to confirm dates and then inform Summer for volunteer needs
- YMCA Powerful Schools:
  - Joy Raymond met with YMCA Powerful Schools over Thanksgiving Break regarding various issues with the afterschool program.
  - Director of YMCA Powerful Schools, David Toledo, will be present for first week of Winter session to assist and deal with any issues that arise.
  - **ASK:** Parent to be afterschool activities coordinator for 2018/19 school year.
- Afterschool option – Maria Herman
  - An ULTIMATE Team is starting up at Maple for Spring
  - Partnership with Disc Northwest, no cost to students.
  - Maria Herman and two others will coach.
  - 2 practices per week, games on Saturday. Players must find their own transportation to games.
  - Open to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> graders, co-ed students (30-40 max).
  - Will look to PTSA for some supplies as needed.

**Fundraising:** Joy Raymond

- Fall Giving = \$6000 and counting.
  - Keep those \$\$ coming
  - Don't forget about corporate sponsors!

**Treasury Report** – Deferred.

**Miscellaneous** – Gitane Versakos

- Robin Lee's food closet
  - **ASK:** Parent volunteer to stock Robin Lee's food closet
  - Summer to check in with Robin Lee and coordinate this need.

**Communications** – Gitane Versakos

- Newsletter: next one coming out the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January – Agnes Gomez.
- Discussion followed regarding translation needs for meetings and parent community.
- Next steps: identify parents who would be point-person for the 5 main languages at Maple: Spanish, Chinese, Somali, Tagalog, Vietnamese.
  - Newsletter blurb calling for cultural ambassadors.
  - Abby Lin, Maple staff, was identified as a resource person.
  - Gitane and Agnes to follow up on this.

Meeting end time: 8:10PM.

Next PTSA Meeting: Tuesday, 1/9/18, at 6:30pm in Staff Lounge.

Minutes prepared by Nikki Beall, secretary.