

Daniel Bagley Elementary School
General PTA Meeting
November 27, 2017 – 6:00pm

Attendance: 13 members signed in

- Meeting began at 6:05 with Board Welcome and Introductions: Attending Board Members were Carol Swales, Collins Grossman, and Amy Holiday
- Minutes from April and September 2017 were approved
- Principal's Update: Thanks to Volunteers for Fall Events (Jogathon, 5th Grade Camp, Picture Day, Harvest Hootenanny, Literacy Night, Screenagers, Garden Classes, Chinook Book sales, Clip & Chat, Giving Circle, etc.)
- RULER Update: "The Blueprint" is the final anchor, and involves collaborative problem-solving, building on previous anchors and providing tools for students and staff to work together to develop conflict resolution skills
- Assessment Calendar:
 - Teacher reading evaluations were completed in November
 - Kindergarten MAP testing: December, May/June
 - 1st & 2nd Grade MAP Testing: May/June
 - 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade Smarter Balanced Assessments: April/May
 - Specific dates to-be-announced
- Collaborative Classroom:
 - Each classroom has received more texts, at all reading levels
 - Vocabulary support
 - Each classroom received three boxes of books for classroom libraries, which were already strong
 - "Reading A to Z/Kids A to Z" available – ask your teacher for sign-in and password info
 - "Typing Agent" is available at seattleschools.org – ask your teacher for passwords
- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
 - A Seattle Police officer toured and reviewed our grounds in early October, and her recommendations are in process at the District level.
 - Safety-based landscape maintenance has been completed
 - The District is providing funding for lightning in poorly-lit areas of the playground, and Ms. Holmes is persistently pushing for timeline information and priority implementation
 - Assistant Superintendent Pegi McEvoy is advocating for City funding to improve or re-build our western fence.

- The “Find it/Fix it” App is recommended by the police department for problems found on the school grounds, such as needles and trash
 - Debris behind the Portables is accessible to students, though it is off-limits. The Police representative pointed out that those things should be removed, and the District should provide manpower and disposal support
 - Parent concern about 6-inch tall open pipes behind the gym: Ms. Holmes will initiate a work order to have them removed
- Focus Group notes from the September PTA meeting are typed up and available for review
 - Parent Education survey is available and will be distributed through the v-list
 - Welcoming Environment survey is available online
 - Bus Strike may come later this week. Schools will be open, absences will be unexcused, alternate transportation must be arranged by parents, field trips may be cancelled
 - Question: How many students ride the bus?
 - Answer: Approximately 50, with approximately 20 taken to Boys and Girls Club in the afternoon
 - Treasury Report (Collins Grossman)
 - \$2600 in income from PTA memberships
 - Chinook Books raised \$1170 (goal was \$1250)
 - Wreath Sales were approximately \$2000 behind the goal of \$6200
 - \$25,000 in an online account that had been inaccessible for several years has been accessed and deposited into the PTA bank account
 - Question: Can funding goals be more publicized, and can we specify per-family goals?
 - Answer: We do not specify per-family goals, because all families are not able to give at the same level. Fundraising info is updated in the Bagley Buzz, and is always in the Budget Reports, which are available at the Daniel Bagley website
 - Suggestion: Provide a fundraising schedule at the beginning of the year, with overall goals, plus goals for each campaign, in order to help families plan for giving throughout the year
 - Suggestion: Emphasize volunteering as a way of giving
 - Katylin needs details about the grant for our Educational Garden so she can budget accordingly

- Giving Circle (Sonja Saar)
 - We are collecting gifts, gift cards and books for 18 families (61 people)
 - There are still tags with requested gifts on the bulletin board
 - Bethany Church has donated \$500 (20 gift cards)
 - Deadline for giving is Friday 12/1/17
 - Food bags go home with 16 students on Fridays, an extra bag goes home for the holidays
 - Sheley Bressler has offered to fundraise for extra food for the holidays, will check with Brooke about details
 - We are not allowed to deliver food to families – students must take it home

- Giving Campaign (Lauren Linscheid)
 - Giving Campaign Chairs are choosing a week in March, updating forms, organizing packets
 - Soliciting donations from businesses for the raffle and for participation prizes (for turning in forms, I heart Bagley signs)
 - Exploring potential online forms

- Building Leadership Team (BLT) Update
 - Continuous School Improvement Plan (CSIP) is finalized, and will be on the Daniel Bagley website as soon as accessibility compliance is complete
 - Brochure explaining Contemporary and Montessori programs will be in motion by the next PTA meeting

- President's Update
 - Bethany Church is interested in finding new ways, other than money, to support our school. Carol Swales is taking suggestions and brainstorming with the church about what they might do. More meetings with church leadership are being planned
 - Ideas: Fence-building, Improvement of "Outdoor Classroom Garden" (southwest corner of the building, under the large cedar tree – currently overgrown and poorly maintained), Providing childcare for Parents Night Out

- Parents Night Out Ideas
 - Provide teen volunteers for events
 - Game Night at St. Andrews was well attended, but kid-friendly. We'd like to create a Parents Night Out event that allows for childfree community building. Ideas are welcome!

- Parent Education Night (Peyina Lin)
 - Grant money has been approved, and is contingent on a requirement for an event that highlights Race and Equity
 - We have a potential speaker for February or late January (Rosetta Lee)

- Taproot Theater anti-bullying performance with Bethany Church – date TBA
- After School Program
 - PTA is looking for vendors who can provide scholarships (10% of enrollment), and pay enough to encourage our teachers to participate again; provide better and earlier communication about sign-up periods; provide consistent classes that are rarely cancelled
- Boys & Girls Club is sponsoring Girls on the Run (3rd-5th Grade 5K training)
 - More info at Girls on the Run website