

Mozart Elementary
Parent Council Meeting
December 16, 2014
6:30-7:45pm

1. Treasurer's Report: Tanya Williams.
 - Current balance is aprox. \$1,600. Current commitments include \$755 to school buses for field trips, \$500 Making Music Matters, and expenses associated with tonight's PC meeting (pizza, coffee, childcare).
 - Mozart t-shirt sales money submitted by Heather Garcia: \$61.00
2. Welcome to December Parent Council meeting: Ashlei Parris.
 - Introduced new Co-Chair Michael "Mick" O'Dea, Mozart dad to 2nd grader and two older children attended Mozart in the past.
 - Discussed holiday gifts for teachers. Plan \$50 Lakeshore Learning gift cards for teachers with classrooms, \$25 gift cards to Lakeshore Learning for teachers of "specials".
 - Plan to fund gift cards with dress down day next Tuesday 12/23 for donation from each student up to \$5.
 - Ask Principal Borthwick to let teachers know we have buses funded for field trips
3. Principal's Report: Principal Borthwick
 - Budget- good news. Increase in budget expected due to increasing student numbers in our autism strand. We will reach student capacity next year enabling additional resources (i.e. staff). Addition of two part time staff, plan interviewing after holidays. ESL/intervention specialist with additional duties and expertise around instructional technology. Also plan to add paraprofessionals and carve out time for team meetings/gathering to share information re: student progress and needs.
 - Budget also enables partnering with a non-profit Achievement Network (achievementnetwork.org) to help with data driven standards to inform instruction in the classroom so it's more targeted, differentiated, and powerful.
 - Boston Institute for Psychotherapy. Currently private therapy offered to students billed directly to their private insurance during twice weekly during the school day. If Mozart contracts with BIP for six hours/week, we have the opportunity to utilize the therapist for more group-focused work to benefit our student community.
 - Eliot School after school art program. Will be reinstated after holiday break, Fridays after school. Registration paperwork and fees will be distributed before holiday break. Scholarships available.
4. Fundraising Committee: Amy Coe
 - Pancake breakfast date: Saturday 3/14/2015. Committees to be established after holidays. Karen Quimby has been asking local businesses for donations

- to help with costs, currently \$25 gift card from Stop and Shop and \$25 gift card from Shaws donated.
- Crowdfunding page update: We have raised \$1300.00 at day 12 of 30-day online fundraiser. 16 donors all have received an emailed thanks you at day of donation. Plans for handwritten card at close of fundraiser.
 - Misty McLaughlin brought information re: Uno's Dough Raiser finding idea.
 - Kenya Stephenson has information to register Stop and Shop A+ school fundraiser. Email her to register your card at kstephensonus@yahoo.com
5. School Site Council Update: covered by Principal's report
6. Engaging Men in Our Students Lives meeting update: Mick O'Dea
- 4 dads attended coffee hour discussion facilitated by Principal Borthwick. Several ideas generated to make male figures in our students lives more visible.
 1. Game night at school
 2. Shovel the playground after storms
 3. Picnic event for dads, granddads, uncles, male figures
 4. Carpooling for outside activities
 5. Impromptu playground meet ups, trips to bird watch in Arboretum
 - Additional meeting planned to revisit this subject.

Respectfully submitted 12/16/2014

Amy Coe
Co-Secretary
Parent Council