

MOZART PARENT COUNCIL MEETING: March 8, 2016

Mick O'Dea - Co-Chairs

Kelly Cunniffe, Treasurer

MEETING MINUTES

1.) Welcome!

2.) Principal Report

- ❖ Hiring - interviewing for several positions throughout March
 - ESL/Special Ed joint positions (2) - excited for these roles, will help us meet the needs of students in a more intentional, collaborative way
 - Autism strand positions (2) - Ms. Jinel and Ms. Melissa are getting their certification, so we need to post the job; both are interviewing and are on track to have their credentials by the August deadline
 - ESL / Resource room position
- ❖ Race Dialogues - starting next Monday; excited to have a robust and diverse group of people; wide representation amongst staff and families in terms of race, grade levels and gender of students and families - "Thank you."
- ❖ Pancake Breakfast

3.) Treasurer's Report - Kelly reported:

- ❖ Balance: \$3,493
- ❖ Crowdrise has raised \$1,920
- ❖ Raised \$438 from Parents' Night Out (main purpose was a community event)

4.) Fundraising Committee

- ❖ Amazing Parent's Night Out!
 - Main point was community builder - yay, was fun!
 - Raised some money - \$438
 - Feedback?
 - Get the planning started earlier - maybe do the event in October?
 - Really fun to see each other, including getting to finish conversations with fellow parents/family members
 - Nice for parents who are new to the school/area

5.) Pancake Breakfast - This Saturday, March 12th

- ❖ Can sign up to help at google doc
 - Set up - Friday, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- ❖ Can donate raffle prizes
- ❖ Last year, raised about \$1,800
- ❖ Nicole and Cora created a piano keyboard showing how much money we raised to get to goals - people can see at Pancake Breakfast how much they've given

6) Upcoming Events

- ❖ Savers - March 20th - 26th - Kelly will send a flyer home
- ❖ Spring Arts Concert - June 15th
 - Erin hoping to do an evening concert here at the school - maybe early June
 - On a different night than BBQ/5th Grade event
- ❖ Discussion: Should we have another big event, or tie silent auction into Pancake Breakfast / June concert?
 - Pancake Breakfast is big event - gets community members beyond the Mozart to the event, they donate as well

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- Agreement: won’t do another fundraising event; do silent auction at Pancake Breakfast and perhaps at
- ❖ Discussion: Do we want to honor the Garcias?
 - Agreement: gift certificate to a restaurant, acknowledgement at Pancake Breakfast; photo montage
- ❖ Field Day and BBQ - June 10th
 - Gym teacher not there
 - Kelly coordinating - parents to volunteer
- ❖ Teacher Appreciation - whatever we raise for April dress down day - goes towards teacher appreciation

7) Open Floor

- ❖ Homework - re-raising issue
 - Inaccuracies with worksheets
 - Question on rationale for homework, and to what extent district mandates homework
 - Mick to talk with Erin, set up a separate meeting with Erin to talk with Erin re: homework
 - What are consequences of not doing the HW?
 - Question around - could/is homework more project-based, especially at upper grades?
 - Kelly read handbook language re: homework
- ❖ Ellen: Do you need another co-chair?
 - Mick - don’t see a huge amount of work to it; but still something that has to be done
 - Would like two other parents to step forward for next year
 - Have a seasoned person with a new person
- ❖ Meeting with City Council Member Tim McCarthy - Facilities Master Plan - interesting resources online - “Build BPS” on BPS website - interesting google docs
 - Mick to ask Erin to share update on this
- ❖ Upcoming meetings: Tito Jackson (Districts 5 and 6); flyer was sent home about Hyde Park meeting on Wednesday, March 9th.
- ❖ Inviting Boston Bikes to come again - they teach children to ride a bike; sometimes
 - May 9th - May 20th - first choice
 - If we’re chosen, Kelly will follow up for parent volunteers
- ❖ BOKS Update - lot of kids - 54!; Ms. Jinel and Ms. Asia are helping because of number of kids involved - almost all before school kids; pulled an easel outside - had kids help with schedule, get everyone on the same page; “kid of the week” - moving, trying best is the criteria for getting kid of the week
 - *Would love for a parent volunteer to be lead trainer for BOKS; Kelly doesn’t want to be the lead for next year (has been lead for 14 sessions!); Kelly will help train someone for next year; fun, anyone can do it*

NEXT STEPS

Who	What
Any Parents (if interested)	Sign up for role to support Pancake Breakfast. Attend Pancake Breakfast!

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	Donate to Savers Let Kelly know if want to volunteer at Field Day Let Kelly know if interested in being lead BOKS trainer
Kelly	Send flyer home re: Sabers Start to plan out field day - with parent volunteers
Parent Council	Get a dinner gift certificate for Garcias, acknowledge them at the Pancake Breakfast
Mick	Ask Erin to follow up re: the homework issues (worksheets with errors, and larger discussion on purpose of homework). Schedule meeting with Erin and interested parents re: homework. Ask Erin to share updates re: Facilities Master Plan process