

Parent Council Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 6:30-7:30 pm

1. Treasurer Report submitted by Treasurer Tanya Williams: current balance \$1300 but most funds already allocated for this year (\$750 for buses and \$200 for Raz Kids).
2. Principal's Report: Principal Erin Borthwick
 - School Culture and Wellness Committee: Seeking parent volunteers. Committee meets one Friday a month, 8am-9am.
 - Monthly Community Conversations: First conversation to be held week of November 10th (date TBD, am and pm sessions offered to maximize attendance for all interested) and topic will be "Engaging men in our students lives" The purpose of the meeting is to initiate conversation with dads, grandfathers, other men in Mozart community to discuss what feels relevant, meaningful, important in our school community.
 - Bake Sale Election Day 11/4/2014: Wide range of baked and store bought snacks will be for sale for visitors voting in school cafeteria. In maintaining consistency with Wellness Policy, plan to have a CORI checked volunteer accompanied by Principal Borthwick offer healthy snacks to students in their classroom on bake sale day.
 - Making Music Matters update: MMM is part of the 3-5th grade curriculum, highly skilled instructors with max. 10 kids per lesson, grant funded with the expectation individual schools will increase their personal contribution each year to support the program. Program costs \$30,000/yr, Mozart contribution \$1800/yr. Currently no funds allocated for MMM, Principal Borthwick already has a donation of \$400 towards the \$1800 necessary to fund program. Needs additional fundraising support.
 - Eliot School arts program: Each student has art one period per week with Ms. Schmidt from Eliot School (Tuesdays). In the past two years, after school art has been offered for students interested in additional art classes through Eliot School with one art teacher, one TA and 15 Mozart students. Program cost \$1500/10 week session. Currently after school art on hold due to lack of funds available to cover cost. Principal Borthwick sent out a survey to all students last week seeking interest/input from families about options for funding after school art based on interest. Results pending.
3. Fundraising Committee: Currently 14 people signed up for the committee. Ideas discussed include Paint Night (proposed by Misty), Kickstarter page (proposed by Ellen), initiate Mozart Alumni list at Bake Sale to tap into potential donors (proposed by Tomas)
 - Action: Pancake Breakfast planned for Feb./March 2015- details to follow
 - Action: Move forward with appeal letter to Mozart community- fundraising committee to draft letter and send to Principal Borthwick for approval. Once approved, letter to PC for review before distribution.
4. School Site Council Update:
 - Two new literacy programs at Mozart this year. K2 and 1st grade has a new phonics program, and 3-5th graders have a new literacy program with a focus on close reading and development of critical thinking skills.
 - Review of long term goals, reviewing mission statement discussed
5. Wellness and School Culture Committee report: no members present, seeking additional parent volunteers. See Principal Borthwick for additional information.
6. Finalizing dates, chairpersons and important tasks for remainder of 2014:
 - Co-chairs Ashlei and Ellen announced Ellen has outside commitment requiring more of her immediate attention, needs to step down as co-chair of PC. Kelly Cunniffie can take over in Jan., seeking parent volunteers now to assume position short term.

Next Parent Council Meeting: Tuesday November 18, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Coe and Katie Elliffe, Co-Secretaries
October 16, 2014