

**PTA Minutes**  
**4-9-14**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Split into two discussion groups: high school options and current parent vision for ACCESS.

David Wood went over staffing and budget update for 2014-15 year (see attached). He is requesting parent input on ways we would like to see remaining FTE utilized (please see last paragraph of his summary).

Campfire will be providing on-site before and aftercare starting next year. 7-8:30 am, and 3:15- 6 pm. Children up through 6<sup>th</sup> grade can sign up (David will confirm age limit).

Conversation will continue around whether ACCESS should be a “program” or a “school.” The process may culminate in a vote at the end of next year. We will also be hearing more about redistricting (which may affect our physical location) next year.

Judy Berck announced that recruiting is open for PTA positions for next year; please approach a current officer if you or someone you know is interested or would like to know more. Elections will occur at the next PTA meeting.

Chess program: some challenges this year with varying numbers and levels of interested kids. Motion regarding Chess Club: If there end up being additional chess funds above and beyond the coach's fee, the additional funds may be used for chess-related expenses such as registrations, supplies, snacks, etc. during that same school year. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm.

**ACCESS Academy Staffing and Budget Update for 2014-15**  
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**What's known/confirmed as of today, 4/9/14:**

- ACCESS staffed at 305 (up from 255), per approved 2013 Growth Plan
- Configuration likely to be: 1-2, 3a, 3b, 4/5a, 4/5b, 4/5c, 6a, 6b, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b
- 6 Elementary sections, 6 MS sections
- ACCESS will share RCP with 200 Beverly Cleary 1<sup>st</sup> (5 sections) and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders (3 sections) in 2014-15
- ACCESS and BCS will add the following shared positions to serve both programs:
  - + 1.0 Asst. Principal or Dean of Students
  - + 1.0 School Secretary to serve BCS primarily, ACCESS secondarily
- ACCESS and BCS will share Counselor (1.0), Art (1.0), Library (1.0) [and possibly Music] – allocation roughly proportional to student population (60% ACCESS, 40% BCS).
- **New for 2014-15**
  - + 0.5 MS Lang Arts/SS for 6<sup>th</sup> grade (combined with 0.25-0.50 Drama?)
  - + 0.5 MS Math/Science for 6<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Part-time Math Specialist (assessment, acceleration, challenges)
  - + 0.5 Education Assistant added (could be 1.0 EA or 2 x 0.5 EA's)
  - + 1.0 SPED Paraeducator 1-1
  - + 0.50 (?) – Drama and/or Music
  - +0.25 – Technology/Programming (could be combined with Math/Science or Math Specialist position)
  - + 0.20 (=1.0) PE/Health/Wellness
- **Known openings for 2014-15**
  - 2 full-time elementary vacancies from among 1-2, 3, 4/5
    - Internal interviews start 4/23 – parents on hiring committee
  - 0.5 Education Assistant
  - 1.0 SPED Paraeducator
  - 1.0 Media Specialist (temporary – Ms. Tini on study leave in Africa) – shared with BCS
  - 0.5 MS Lang Arts/SS + (0.25-0.50 Drama? – possible Foundation)

- 0.5 MS Math/Science
- P/t Math Specialist (TBD based on Foundation)
- 0.25 Gr. 1-5 Spanish Enrichment

**What's unknown as of today, 4/8/14**

- What FTE will be available from the Foundation (0.55 FTE in 13-14)?
- Will we have 0.25 FTE Itinerant Adv Math support for Geometry (shared with da Vinci)? (Could be 1 or 2 periods)
- Lots of unknowns about scheduling because must be coordinated with BCS buses, possible shared positions with other campus(es). Considerations:
  - Re-build team-time embedded during the day

**Input needed today and ongoing:**

- **If we had an additional 0.5-1.0 FTE to "spend," (and we probably will), what other position(s) do you believe would best support ACCESS in fulfilling its mission?**
  - Music? (Vocal? Instrumental?)
  - Drama?
  - Technology/programming?
  - P/t TAG Specialist?
  - Classified support? (x 0.5, so 1.0-2.0 total FTE equivalent)