

PTA Minutes
5-14-14

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm.

Motion to approve minutes from April meeting passed.

PTA President's update: celebration of this year's accomplishments!
Opportunities for next year: improvements to external and garden area (possible joint project with Beverly Cleary); involving teachers more in PTA.

David Fikstad needs volunteers for 5/20 Science Night. Please contact him if you can help for any amount of time before, during or after this event.

Campfire is confirmed for before/aftercare program on site next year. Paperwork will be in backpacks no later than June 1; registration will occur in July.

Retirement party for Ms. Halliburton at the Aitchison's home in NW on Sunday, June 8, from 3 to 6 pm.

Summer picnic at Normandale Park on July 27th, from 4 to 7:30 pm. If you are able to volunteer to help please contact Judy Berck.

Treasurer's update: we started the year with about \$10K in reserves from prior year's fundraisers. We brought in more than expected on fundraising activities, but less than expected on the GIVE campaign. No big surprises in terms of expenses (though the year is not over yet). Projected net reserves at the end of this year ~\$2,800.

Principal's update: please see attached document.

Admissions decisions for next year have been made by admissions committee; 282 applications were reviewed. 100 have been accepted. Notifications are expected to go out via US mail at the end of this week.

Parents who are interested in being part of interviewing candidates for new grade 1-2 position, please email Mr. Wood ASAP. Interviewing will take place next week.

PTA Elections

Heather Grossman & Louise McHarris – sharing Secretary position (approved)

Traci Kirkpatrick – Treasurer (approved)

Judy Berck – Vice President (approved)

Uri Henig – Vice President (not approved)

Heather Kent - President (approved)

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

ACCESS ACADEMY PTA Meeting 5/14/14 – Principal's Update

New Teachers/Staff for 2014-15

- Grades 4/5 Teacher (1.0 FTE) – Maggie Byrkit
- Counselor (0.5 FTE from ACCESS, 1.0 in the building) – Devin Harkness
- *Student mgmt Specialist* → SMS/ "Dean of Students" (1.0 FTE @ Rose City Park*) – David Holm
(*this position is District-funded, not from ACCESS budget. An SMS is like an Assistant Principal whose sole responsibility is student support, student management/discipline, and supporting a positive school climate, leaving the Principal in charge of curriculum, teacher supervision and support, professional development, community engagement.)

Shared Positions with Beverly Cleary-RCP for 2014-15

- Art (1.0 FTE) Mr. Brachman
- Counselor (1.0 FTE) Mr. Harkness
- SMS/Dean (1.0 FTE) Mr. Holm
- Library Assistant TBD

New ACCESS-only Teachers/Staff to be Hired for 2014-15

- Grade 1/2 Teacher (1.0 FTE) Interviews 5/22
- Grades 1-8 PE/Wellness Teacher (1.0 FTE) Interviews 5/28
- Grades 6-8 Math/Science Teacher (1.0 FTE) Interviews 5/27
- Grades 1-8 Math Specialist (0.4 FTE, 0.25 Foundation \$)
 - student assessment; acceleration; math enrichments, contests, and challenge opportunities; remediation; teacher professional development
- Grades 6-8 Lang Arts/Soc. Studies (0.5 FTE) – Interviews 5/29
- Grades 6-8 Drama/Forensics (0.25 FTE, 0.15-0.20 Foundation \$)
 - Could be combined with LA/SS above
- Grades 1-5 Drama – (equivalent of 0.25 FTE -- contracted providers through Run for the Arts \$; possible partnership with 1-5 Spanish enrichment)
- Grades 1-5 Spanish Enrichment (0.25 FTE) – see above
- Grades 1-8 Library/Media Spec. (0.5-0.7 FTE – temporary) – Interviews 5/30
- Grades 1-8 Technology Teacher (0.5 FTE – combine with Library?) – Interview 5/30
- Grades 1-8 Special Education Paraeducator (1.0 FTE) – Interviews June
- Grades 1-8 Education Assistant (0.5 FTE) – Interviews June

Beverly Cleary @ Rose City Park – Space-sharing update

- For 2014-15, Beverly Cleary-RCP will have:
 - 5 1st-grade classrooms (approx. 120 students)
 - 4 3rd-grade classrooms (approx. 100 students) – up from 3
- Tentative room plan finalized – see attached.
 - ACCESS mostly on the North side of building, BCS-RCP mostly on the South side of building
 - Shared spaces: Office, Library, Computer Lab, Auditorium, Playgrounds, Learning Center, Counseling Center
 - Lots of moving this summer – teachers will need help with room cleanup and “small stuff”; PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN AUGUST
 - RCP will be very full and LIVELY!
- Ongoing work
 - Scheduling shared spaces and shared staff
 - Transportation – bus schedules, “traffic flow,” entry/exit from building
 - Building community with BCS families and staff
 - Facebook page “ACCESS Academy and Beverly Cleary @ RCP parent to parent”
 - ACCESS/BCS Staff get-together – early June
 - Joint ACCESS/BCS Back-to-School Night in September
 - ACCESS and BCS PTA’s are in close communication

ACCESS Applicants/Admissions for 2014-15
v. 5/14/14

- **All applications were reviewed by an Application Committee including the Administrator, Elementary Teacher, MS Teacher, Counselor, and Learning Center teacher (for SPED/504 Plan students)**
- **Target class sizes for 2014-15**
 - Grades 1-2: 1 classroom at 25-26 max.
 - Grade 3: 2 classrooms at 27-28 each
 - Grades 4-5: 3 classrooms at 27-28 each
 - Grades 6-8: 6 sections, 2 per grade, average 26-28 each
- **Considerations:**
 - Evidence of highly gifted
 - Demonstrated need for alternative program
 - Approximate gender balance
 - Underrepresented populations, including ESL and students of color
 - Underrepresented schools

Grade Level in 2014-15	Number of Qualified* (*99th %ile) Applicants	Number of Initial Offers of Admission
1st	67	10
2nd	45	6
3rd	57	39
4th	29	3
5th	27	3
6th	41	26
7th	13	10
8 th	3	3
TOTAL	282	100

