

HSA Board Meeting Minutes August 20, 2012

Present at meeting:

Jean Boland, Diana Rojas, Ann Morgan, Claudia Morris, Linwood Jolly, Richard Trogisch, Rachel Blessing, Carlton Ackerman (rep. LSAT)

Linwood Jolly welcomed the new 2012-13 Executive Board. The new board is comprised of:

Jean Boland, President
Diana Rojas, Vice President
Karen Beiley, Treasurer
Felicia Meier, Secretary
Ann Morgan & Wes Hallman, at large members
Linwood Jolly & Claudia Morris, appointed members
Rachel Blessing, faculty representative
Rich Trogisch, Principal

Boland welcomed new board and reminded it of mission and responsibility of board, including requirement to be official members. She encouraged board members to pay dues, if possible. She thanked Jolly for his years of leadership and expressed appreciation for his continued service on and to the board.

Fundraising

Diana Rojas outlined new fundraising strategy, which will launch week of Sept. 10. Families will be asked to participate in HSA at rate of \$150 per child, if possible. Week will include a social gathering at a DC restaurant, email blast, pitch at Back-to-School Night (Sept. 12), robo call from Principal Trogisch, and coffee and donuts Friday morning with parents. If fundraising goals are met, no phonathon this year. Board was receptive and excited about new approach and pledged to participate in activities. Recommended that activities include drawing for gift certificates, other inducements to join.

Everyone must participate in fundraising program. Blessing committed to sending HSA membership form to all teachers to distribute in their class syllabi, etc.

Principal's Report

Enrollment is currently at 535; goal is 550. School is currently trying to resolve status of about 70 unregistered families.

Social studies teach Ms. O'Neal has resigned; her replacement has been hired. An additional teacher for AP Art History has also been hired.

Next year teacher bonuses may be taken out of existing salary funds, possibly necessitating loss of teaching positions to meet the bonuses.

After-school coordinator position was defunded. Principal raised idea of asking parents to volunteer from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Mon through Thursday of school year. Concerns were raised about the difficulty of managing multiple volunteers. Recommended he address this problem with LSAT.

Budget

Due to schedule conflict, Treasurer Beiley was not in attendance. Boland and Rojas led the budget discussion.

The 2011-2012 budget is still being reconciled. Former Treasurer Terri Sallay and current treasurer are meeting this week to debrief.

Reminder to use reimbursement request/funding request was made.

Board did a line-by-line review of budget; agreed amendments will need to be made to address shortfall the school expects in its own funding for Jupiter Grades and summer bridge, as well as increase in teacher professional development request.

More equitable funding among sports, art and music, and academic clubs such as Model UN and Robotics.

Recommended that teachers/club leaders submit proposals for funding by Oct. 1.

A discussion of international travel and funding for travel raised the following: Currently trips are planned for India (Oct), Senegal (March) and Germany (March). Trips may also be scheduled for Rio and Costa Rico. Comments were made about the growing number of trips and the need to meet DCPS requirements (which is time-consuming, but necessary). The Principal reiterated his interest in having students and teachers get out of classroom and out to the world.

Alumnae coordinator has developed database; now needs graduate data from last three years. Fundraising efforts should be ready to go by Sept. 15, according to Jolly.

Other: International Night scheduled for May 20

New parent Bebi Wolf is working with Susan Shultz-Scarlett to schedule annual picnic.

Next HSA Executive Board Meeting: Thursday, September 6. Attempt will be made to hold future meetings on Tuesday nights.