

ATTENDEES:

- Anahita Atashi (Community)
- Beth Sharlin (Fundraising)
- Christi Schwend (Assistant Treasurer)
- Christina Ellis (President)
- Jane Demel (Treasurer)
- Paula Montgomery (Principal)
- Richard Newman (Acting Secretary)\*
- Sheila Nath (Vice President)
- Tahera Kapasi (Vice Principal)
- Tatiana Kaminsky (Communications)

*\*Recorder of these minutes.*

OPEN: Christina E. opened the meeting at 7:04p.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Read aloud by Christina E.

JUNE BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Christina E. proposed delaying Board approval of minutes until the October meeting; Board agreed.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING:

- Christina E. proposed focus on Special Education program at JAMS and services available.
- A special education speaker who had been expected to speak in June did not do so; has offered to come in October to present a booklet and answer questions.
- Board members were supportive of presenting to PTSA general members how Special Education functions at JAMS.
- Board members proposed in the future a focus on how best to support students post pandemic with respect to anxiety and related considerations.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLANNING FOR 2022-23:

- Regarding membership meetings, Christina E. relayed how pandemic informed PTSA about potential for greater participation online; she explained intent to support both in-person and virtual attendance at pending membership meetings for the year.
- Board members suggested potential events to support family engagement, including the following possibilities:
  - Family Heritage Night
  - Skate Nights (roller and/or ice)
  - Game Nights
  - Pajama Party, including traveling pancake machine
  - Midwinter Festival
- Curriculum Night:
  - First in-person opportunity for PTSA to engage parents.
  - Scheduled Oct 13 from 6:30 to 7p.
  - Potential to provide food half hour preceding start of curriculum night.

REFLECTIONS PROGRAM FOR 2022-23:

- Tatiana K. spoke about the annual student art contest known as Reflections.
- Goes beyond visual arts, including writing, dance/choreography, and music composition.
- This year's theme: 'Show Your Voice'
- Tatiana spoke about the timeline.

TREASURY REPORT:

- Jane D. presented slides; Balance: \$116k, Fundraising goal: \$85k, Projected ending balance: \$68k.

FUNDRAISING REPORT:

- Beth S. explained plans to seek \$75k in individual donations.
- Campaign may be almost exclusively electronic, via newsletter and online; possible flyer to go home (TBD).
- Beth S. explained how 'matching' works, contingency pledges, etc.
- Potential for raffle also discussed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Paula M. spoke about special education program needs, including positions which remain open.
- Overnight camp at Camp Orkila for 8<sup>th</sup> graders lacks enough teacher support (chaperone ratio of 10:1); parent volunteers would be needed.
- Board members discussed how to marshal parent volunteers to support camp.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATION:

- Jane D. proposed logging & tracking interest among parents to identify volunteers and match to corresponding opportunities (e.g. at the upcoming curriculum night).
- Board discussed categories of volunteers based on potential for student interaction and onboarding requirements (e.g. background check), renewal frequency, etc.
- ACTION ITEM: Christina to ask Sanjay (i.e. JAMS staff member responsible for volunteer clearance) to speak to membership/Board re expectations.

ADJOURN: 8:25p.