

PTSA Meeting 2/12/20

Attendees: Crystal Perkins, Vu Tran, Mariana Zantop, Lily St. Leger, Denis Koenig, Sharon Hamill, Greg VanGaver, Anya Rudnick, Mary McDaniel, Beatrice Butler, Amanda Bagsby

Principal's Report – Mary McDaniel

- No school next week.
- New Nurse Rebecca (Tues and Thurs, and alternating Wednesdays). Heather Vargas Lyon stepped down.
- Mary met with Atlantic Street – looking to place a counselor here two days a week. Mr. Mohari (African American man) has expressed interest in joining the Madrona counseling team. Ms. Kendra from Seneca – maxed out. No counselor available from Odessa Brown until April.
- Hive Five – message to support black students – they are heard at this school. Black History Month assembly and Black Parent Support Day. All parents will hold hands and do the wave – message of togetherness. Crystal will continue to lead the event. Graphic design work – traditionally sent out via postcard and posters in the Central District. Change the wording but keep the graphics. Will be called “Togetherness Celebration.” Crystal gave background of this discussion (see PEACH meeting). In Black community, a High Five means “we’re in this together, I’ve got your back.”
- Hiring process to bring more Black men into Madrona. Mary is limited by who HR sends her. Based on how many students we have. Funding is based on this. District recruits people. Principal picks from list provided by district. Some people will be assigned to a school without the school’s input. Out of 100+ potential teachers at hiring event at Roosevelt High School this past week, there was one black male middle school teacher. Mary will go to Tacoma Dome hiring event and continue to work on recruiting black teachers.
- Mary not at liberty to discuss Art Teacher position. Anya Rudnick will step in as substitute art teacher. She’s certified and has a lot of experience as a teacher. Has MA in Arts Integration.
- Mary has been asked to hire a replacement for Mr. Mustafa, Custodian. Mr. Giffords has been subbing.
- 230 Black History Month shirts ordered – fundraiser for Islandwood - \$5 each. PTSA will collect money. BLM t-shirts will sell for \$10 (not part of the fundraiser).

School Based Health Center – Vu Tran

- Have a counselor hired, but she won’t be able to start until April. Hoping to do an asthma night in May/June.
- Incredible Years – starting end of March. Program for parenting education and tips for kids with behavioral concerns at home or at school. Open to the community. Group sessions start at end of March, weekly for 10 weeks. Tuesday evenings. Childcare provided. First one may be in English or in Spanish.
- Billing clarification. Some families were billed a co-pay for flu shots despite being told they were free. Health Center will reimburse anyone who was charged this year. Whether you have a co-

pay depends on your insurance coverage (for ex, flu shots would have been free through KP, but incurred a charge b/c it was out of network). Next year communication will be clearer. Include this info in upcoming Newsletter or in backpack mailer.

Committee Updates

Art Committee – Anya Rudnick

- Greg Thornton (send out info about him in next newsletter so the families can get to know him)
- Anya - \$5000 grant. Will bring Greg Thornton (Black male artist) to do residency at Madrona. Mr. Thornton will start the same day as Anya and do a project about identity at Madrona.
- Aristocats poster in the works, performance will take place at beginning of April.

Black Student Committee – Shellise Montgomery

- Black History Movie Night – Shellise thinking of doing this on a monthly basis to give kids some movie time, especially since some of them can't go to the movies.
- Black Lives Matter – rhetoric or reality? 70% of black students in district are not performing at grade level.
- How can PTSA help recruit black men? PTSA does not have funds to pay for a staff person. If PTSA circulated a petition – call to action – it would be delivered to the district. Circulate it electronically and on paper. Is it possible to funnel money through the PTSA to Mary for an IA/YSA (instructional assistant/youth services assistant)? Yes. Can PTSA go to businesses asking for support for a specific position? Help IA transition into a teacher position. Option of finding grants to help cover this position.
- District Strategic Plan around this issue – “Excellence”
- Anya – lobby district to put their money where their mouth is. They should pay for this, not the PTSA.

Community Outreach – Crystal Perkins

- No longer called High Five – keep with the spirit of the event. How do we explain the change to the community?
- Ted Evans asked Madrona to start High Five (Sarah Kent gave history).

Events – Lily St. Leger

- High Five
- Fish Fry – May 31st. Looking for people to help run it. Shellise willing to step up. Anya willing to help do art show as part of Fish Fry.

Family Resource Center and ISG – Sharon Hamill/Amanda Bagsby

- Running short on uniforms.
- Start bringing out summer stuff.

- Can we build up the capacity to help families out over breaks by providing extra meals? Find a partner organization in the community.
- Summer Camps – what can Madrona and/or YMCA offer to our kids? Amanda working on this.
- YMCA starting floor hockey program – bring us your 5-12 year olds.

Fundraising – Jaclyn Koenig

- Think about businesses that we should send our business ask to

Volunteer Update – Sarah Kent

- Field trips coming up – if you're interested in taking part, make sure your volunteer paperwork is complete. Online is preferred – if not, submit a paper application and Sarah or Tana can input the info. Once online has been done once, it does not have to be done again.

Green Team – Denis Koenig

- 4th and 5th graders – 6 on campus events, 2 field trips to Green Plate Special
- 3rd graders – 2 on campus events, 1 field trip to Green Plate Special
- Need chaperones!