

PTSA Meeting Minutes

June 17th, 2020

Attendees: Shellise Montgomery, Anne Rakunas, Alyssa Hays, Mary McDaniel, Sarah Kent, Danielle Gahl, Lily St. Leger, Christine Tschirgi, Jennifer Colosimo, Jennifer Campbell, Sharon Hamill, Allison Schwartz, Meg Viera, Amanda Bagsby, Kendra Patrick, Jamie Prins, Anya Rudnick, Mariana Zantop

Family Support Team Update – Sharon and Sarah

- The Madrona Family Support Fund was created to allow the Health Team to meet the needs of students and families during the shutdown.
- 10K of the PTSA general fund was reallocated to the FRC. An additional \$10,800 has been raised through fundraising. A parent who works at the Gates Foundation was able to bundle donations and get a triple match. A total of \$22,000 was raised.
- The FRC has partnered with First AME Church, Green Plate Special and other organizations to offer fresh vegetables and meat to families in need.
- So far the FRC has served over 200 Madrona families (36 per week) through Tuesday home deliveries and Friday afternoon Grab and Go at the school. A total of \$9,350 in grocery store gift cards have been distributed (\$1,200 per week).
- Some rental assistance has been allocated as well. Further rental support will depend on fundraising.
- Odessa Brown will stay on at Madrona through the summer, allowing deliveries and Grab and Go to continue.
- Kendra, as part of the Health Team, will be able to work over the summer through Seneca Family of Agencies.
- Shellise raised a concern that food is not getting to Black families and questioned how many Black families are receiving funds. Amanda stated that she has been able to access food and resources.
- For privacy reasons, Madrona Elementary is unable to publish who is receiving food and funds. Kendra can take a look at demographic data and make sure it's representative of the school population.

Budget Approval – Anne Rakunas

- The PTSA currently has \$114,700 cash in the bank. A total of \$83,700 in designated funds is available.
- The Jog-a-thon raised \$31,000 last year and will be main fundraising tool in 2020-2021. It will have to be virtual. Anne can help whoever steps up to lead it.
- Arts funding has decreased from \$20,000 to approximately \$7000 due to reallocations to the FRC. The PTSA hopes to raise \$5000 for the FRC in 2020-2021.
- Money has been allocated to Black Lives Matter, High Five, Multi-Cultural Night, Staff Appreciation, Enrichment Programs (Disney, etc.), field trips, Islandwood, library books,

yearbook, \$200 for the Teacher's Discretionary Fund and \$10,000 for the FRC. The budget is balanced, but slim.

- Fish Fry money raised currently goes into the general fund. A parent suggested that money raised from the Fish Fry should go towards hiring Black male staff at Madrona and that Odessa Brown funding should go in the nurse line item. It was suggested that these ideas be discussed further once we know if community events can take place and funding is available.
- Several parents raised the idea of adding a line item to the budget for BLM. This money could be used to help hire Black men at the school and develop programs to support Black students. Parents stressed the importance of supporting the African American community at our school and keeping its history alive within the community.
- Funding for the BLM initiative could potentially be allocated through the FRC or by combining some committee budgets. It was noted that the Jog-a-Thon is not expected to raise sufficient funds in 2020-2021. Alternate funding streams will need to be identified. It was noted that the PTSA has a mandate to be a non-profit.
- It was decided that a line item will be added to the budget for the Black Excellence Committee. Further details will be decided when we know what school will look like.
- Questions were raised about alternate budgets if school does not open in the fall. In this case, it is likely that funding would be diverted from the arts budget to the FRC. The budget can be adjusted as we get closer to the school year.
- A move was made to approve the budget. The budget was approved.

Principal's Report - Mary McDaniel

- Mary is working hard to get more people of color into the school and to focus on our students of color. Mary interviewed for the position of Social Worker and is making recommendation to HR tomorrow. The person being recommended is African American. The school is trying to fill one more position, but the District is guiding the decision.
- Mary raised concerns about the huge learning loss this year. A decision will be made on Friday about what the school year will look like. Another budget meeting will take place once we know if schools will open in the fall.

Committee Updates

Yearbook Committee – Alyssa

- The mini-yearbook is almost done. It's important to acknowledge our year.

Immigrant Support Group – Sharon

- The ISG has continued during the shutdown. Claire Star and Ms. Cavanaugh have helped support the group and keep it going.

Committee Roles

Filled Positions

- Alyssa was nominated as Co-President with Lily. The motion was approved.
- Amanda was nominated as VP. The motion was approved.
- Marisa will step into the role of Treasurer. Anne will be back-up. A second person is still needed.
- Mariana will continue as Secretary.
- Jennifer Colosimo would like to be involved in academic enrichment, or perhaps in an advisory role to work to bring all committees together, or in fundraising and grant writing.

Open Positions

- Communications
- Treasurer #2
- Volunteer Coordinator 1-3 people
- Arts Committee Chair
- Legislative Chair