

Attendance: Erica DeMeerleer, Lillian Welch, Katie Stemmene, Travis Stemmene, Daisy Barragon, Agnes Gomez, Gina Englund, Elena Sanchez, Hiromi Yasukawa, Joy Raymond, Emily King, Jenn Gosma, Jen Seminara, Summer Gallagher, Maria Herman, Gail Sehlhorst, Nikki Beall, Gitane Versakos.

Meeting start time: 6:30PM

Principal Update: Elena Sanchez

- Curriculum Night preparation underway for next Tuesday. Final schedule/handout to go in kid mail tomorrow with soft-start time 5:15 (open-house).
- Traffic at drop-off/pickup problematic with a complaint of hostile parent interaction. Sanchez encourages suggestions for improvement.
 - Joy to f/u with Pete regarding possible grant opportunity. Grant involves committee to develop plan, then implement with grant money.
 - Sanchez to include safe drop-off/pickup reminder in newsletter.
 - Other discussion: “walking school bus” which requires parent lead. Tabled.

PTSA President update: Joy

- Afterschool enrichment
 - Information finalized and in kid mail tomorrow, 9/13/17.
 - Sessions begin October.

Communications: Gitane, Agnes, Gina, Gale, Jenn

- Created one page document describing Maple PTSA including mission and involvement.
 - For Curriculum Night, half-page information sheet available for families, a streamlined version. Communications team to produce and make copies available on 9/13/17.
 - Translations won't be ready. Once half sheet is prepared, Gitane will email Daisy.
- Newsletter update: Agnes
 - 1st Newsletter going out end of September.
 - Topics covered: Principal's note, Box tops, Trivia Night, Curriculum Night happenings, PTSA, Afterschool Enrichment reminders, Volunteering at Maple and the background check requirements.
- Online update: Gina
 - Website is up and running: www.mapleptsa.com
 - Please contact Gina with any requests.
- Email Communications update: Gitane

- Noted glitches or troubles with gmail as communications grow. Gitane, Summer, Erica, and Gina to discuss possible solutions (i.e. smartsheets as a possible solution platform)

Volunteer update

- Event needs: Summer
 - Sign Up Genius current platform for filling needs, which is working.
 - For the group to be aware: there are corporate or companies that volunteer and Maple could access this if/when needed (i.e. yard work party)
- PTSA Board opportunities: Gitane
 - Membership Coordinator: Discussion. Gitane to f/u with Erica about role/responsibilities.
 - Secretary: Nikki to assume position.

Treasurer report: Jen S.

- Budget handout passed out and discussed with a couple notable changes:
 - Increased classroom teacher allocation d/t upcoming corporate match
 - Increased allocation for printing and copies d/t newsletter and communication needs
- Trivia Night “suggested donation” discussion and increase to \$25. Trivia Night is scheduled for November 8, Wednesday.

Building Leadership Team

- Emily is the PTSA representative at this time.
- Emily and Sanchez in contact regarding meeting dates/times.

MISC items:

- Book Fair discussion
 - Book Sale as possible fundraising opportunity for Spring or Fall 2018 at Island Bookstore on Mercer. Jenn and Lillian to f/u on this.
- Lillian offered to contribute content for newsletter: “What’s New In Books”
 - Agnes to f/u with Lillian regarding this contribution.
- Gitane to f/u with EPA liaison regarding request to speak for 20 minutes at next PTSA meeting about neighborhood noise and air pollution. Gitane to gather information about intended outcome/purpose of her visit.

MEMBERS: PLEASE PAY YOUR VOLUNTARY PTSA DUES!!! NO OBLIGATION

Go to the Donate button at <https://www.mapleptsa.com/give>

Next PTSA Meeting: Tuesday, 10/10/17, at 6:30pm in Staff Lounge.

Meeting End time: 7:57PM

Minutes prepared by Nikki Beall, secretary.

