

# Daniel Bagley PTA Meeting Minutes 10/12/10 6:30-8:00pm

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## Welcome & Introductions - Elizabeth Gay

Elizabeth Gay, Renee Boone, Kate Smith, Alison Rice, Erin Reid, Reingold Reiger, Wyly Asteley, Kelly Powers, Shelly Evans, Jen St. Cyr, Andrea Diller, Hannah Marzynski, Anitra Jones, Heather Fuller, David Harris, Marie Bleakley, Sheila Meagher, Jane Mills, Kate O'Leary, Cindy otter, Anne Caughlan, David Cantey, Leslie McCoubrey, Kim McMillen, Nima Hadi, Mary Sullivan, Anita Shelton, Brett Milner Feltis

Meeting held in the library

Introduction and sign in:

Elizabeth thanked the many volunteers who support our school and introduced those in attendance:

- Leslie McCoubrey – Jogathon, Anne Coughlan - After School Programs ,Wyly Astley – Reflections  
Jen St. Cyr – Artsonia, Shelly Evans – Book Fair, Heather Fuller – Free Money

Elizabeth announced that Peter Maier, Seattle School Board Member (Operations Committee, Chair Audit & Finance Committee, School Board Legislative Rep) will be stopping by to speak with Kelly Powers about the School Levy on the November ballot and take questions

## Principal's Update - Anitra Jones

Ms. Jones began her update by expressing her enthusiasm at being Principal at Daniel Bagley. The school has a talented and effective staff working with our children. Her goal is to maximize our strengths and continue our traditions.

## Updates:

### MAP Testing – Overview

- The new district wide test to measure math and reading for grades K-9 was completed in Sept  
The test will happen three times a year – the next two test periods are January and May
- One of the goals of the test is to inform teachers of instructional practices for the year
- The district rolled out testing last year but this is the first year of implementation at Daniel Bagley as with any new program there are adjustments to be made
- The MAP team will send out a request for suggestions and volunteers
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## Lessons Learned and Proposed Solutions

### Space Constraints

- Without a designated computer lab laptops were made available by the district for testing  
The library is the only space in the school with wireless access necessary to operate the test  
Unfortunately that eliminated access to the library for students during the testing period
- Contact the district IT office to add wireless to the cafeteria
  - need to evaluate impact on breakfast , lunch and after school programs if testing site were to change
  - If the library is the only option create a mobile library (a cart with books) Mr. Swann would select age appropriate books that a volunteer can bring to each classroom on library day
- Conduct testing in classroom
- Conduct testing in outdoor portables and/or mobile offices

### Time Management

- Reduce the amount of time that teachers and administrators spend proctoring the test

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- Ask for volunteers to log in student data

## **School Statistics:**

- Current enrollment is at 388 students
- With the new school boundaries in effect the focus was to get as many siblings enrolled as possible. All but 2 got in
  - 9/30 was the cut off for open enrollment

## **Class Size**

The recently passed Teachers contract limits class size for K-3 at 26:1

The current class sizes are:

- Intermediate grades 30:1
- Contemporary 4/5 at 24
- Montessori 4/5 at 30
- The new Contemporary Kindergarten class has 21 students

In February reviewing class configuration

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp**

Attended camp for a morning and observed the 5<sup>th</sup> grade leadership teams at work

Thank you to the PTA for contributing \$3000 to the program allowing for a reduction in registration fees and the ability to grant scholarships

## **Teaching and learning in classroom**

Reader's workshop

- Teachers participated in 4 days of professional development
- A professional staffer will be on site in November to work with teachers

Montessori Team Update

- Partnering with other SPS Montessori Programs (Leschi and Graham Hill) to discuss math curriculum and how to meet state standards

## **School reports**

Keri Johnson will discuss at November PTA Meeting

## **Principal Coffee**

Scheduled for Friday October 15<sup>th</sup>

## **Building Leadership Team**

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month

- Review goal setting and professional development in the areas of reading, writing, math, science and inclusion
- Look at priorities for 10/11 school year
- Teachers contract focus on growing and supporting staff in classroom – review new evaluation system

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### **Steps to Respect /Anti Bullying Curriculum – Sheila Meagher School Counselor**

Parent Education Night will be scheduled to discuss curriculum in detail

Parents will receive information in kid mail for each unit highlighting how to practice and reinforce skills at home

The steps include friendship skills, defining bullying and how to recognize, respond, refuse and report an incident

Staff Goals

- Common language within the school to report, respond and communicate
- Additional learning opportunities will be incorporated in Monday Morning Meeting
- Each school has a climate report based on a student survey on bullying
- Staff reviewed responses and analyzing how to use data to impact scope of work and how to keep real time data to monitor effectiveness

### **Q&A**

Discussion on how to distinguish between conflict and bullying

Reward positive play

Ask question if you see something – be intentional and not assume

### **Legislative News - Kelly Powers and Peter Maier Seattle School Board**

**Proposition 1**, Seattle Public Schools Supplemental Levy, an operations levy

#### **Description:**

Last February Seattle voters approved an operations levy. Then in April while Seattle Public Schools was contending with

\$32 million cuts to education since 2008, the legislature threw out a life line to the state's schools and passed a bill increasing the levy lid so that local districts could raise property taxes a little more to help bridge the gap.

Unfortunately, Seattle had already passed its operation levy in February at the lower levy rate. So this this 3-year supplemental levy allows SPS to go back to the voters and ask for an additional \$48.2 million. The additional levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value would be 12 cents per year, so a homeowner with a home valued at \$400,000 would pay an additional \$48 per year.

The school district is facing an additional \$27 million in cuts for 2011-12. But it's not over yet. The state's economist has forecast a \$3 billion dollar state budget deficit that legislators will contend with in the session that begins in January. The media reports it will fall between \$3 and 5 billion depending on how sluggish the economy remains. (Less sales, less sales taxes collected, bigger the state budget deficit.)

So far, the Governor has asked for 6.3% across the board cuts to balance the budget. We are going to have cuts... it's just a matter of how much. There will be more pressure on PTAs and parents to help bridge the gap. This levy will help ease the cuts.

At the meeting Kelly Powers made a motion for the Bagley PTA to support the Seattle Supplemental Levy. The vote was passed by a majority. The Seattle PTA/PTSA Council and other individual PTAs have also endorsed the levy. It's our kids that will feel the effects of persistent underfunding that began in

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the 80s and that is now exacerbated by the economic downturn; bigger classes, less robust offerings, fewer choices. Please vote Yes on Seattle School Levy.

### Community Meetings with Peter Maier

- November 13, 10:30-12:00 at Bethany Church
- November 19, 10:00 - 1130 at Lake City Library

### Q&A

How does district fall with per child funding?

- 75% state and government funding
- Seattle has 24% funding by levies

Resources on funding

- League of Education Voters
- Kelly Powers recommended the documentary Paramount Duty

MAP Testing

- Mr. Maier recommended emailing the School Board with questions regarding the space and technological constraints with MAP Testing

Student Assignment Plan

- The School Board is conducting a working session on December 1 and expect to have a decision with regards to siblings by the end of December
- 135 of 148 siblings were placed
  - No direct answer if the board is inclined to grandfather siblings, the impact on schools based on class size and building size is an open question
- Enrollment up 1,100 this school year
- Open Enrollment begins in January

State Audit

- School Board taking the audit seriously and responding vigorously
  - One meeting a month is devoted to the audit
- Audit highlighted the need for stronger financial controls: it did not say that the district was in peril. Areas of oversight were identified
  - Ms. Jones to discuss necessary financial controls with outside vendors with the PTA
  - Special Education Funding
- Software purchased to help track Special Education and safety net funding

Vote of No Confidence in Superintendent Goodloe-Johnson

- School Board is taking the no confidence vote seriously
  - Optimistic about Chief Academic Officer, new hires and new structure
  - Ms. Jones will invite the Superintendent to attend an upcoming PTA meeting

Teacher Contracts

- Positive, more defined system for evaluation, more conversation not just a satisfactory or not satisfactory

Due to time constraints the following agenda items were not discussed in detail and only brief updates were provided

**Reflections Art Program** – Wyly Astley

Deadline is November 1

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Theme is "Together We Can"

4 workshops will be held at Bethany Community Church

Information about Reflections will continue to be sent out on the V-list and the Buzz

### **Scholastic Book Fair**– Shelly Evans

November 2 -5

Hours will be extended on November 4 to tie in with the Reflections reception and open early Friday morning for adults only

Last year we raised \$3,000 which was used to purchase new books for the library

This is Shelly's last year as Book Fair coordinator – if you are interested in volunteering for this role please email Shelly and Elizabeth

### **Jogathon**

Elizabeth thanked Leslie McCoubrey for a fun event

Pledges are due 10/21

Leslie along with Kristin Metcalf is coordinating the 5K Fun Run to support the Green Field Project – don't forget to sign up

### **Treasurer Report – Erin Reid**

Expenses in line

After school programs line item is negative but that is a cash flow issue

### **Free Money – Heather Fuller**

#### **Scrip Inventory**

- A lot of PCC rechargeable scrip
- Small amount of Safeway and Starbucks

A new plan will be rolled out this year with more offerings and higher returns of 4-13%

- Attach payment to an order form
- Receive scrip in 2 weeks
  - Benefit is that the PTA is holding on to Scrip inventory, no out of pocket expense
- Reviewing Fred Meyer Scrip
  - School must purchase \$5,000 worth of scrip and only receive a small return after it is all used
  - Heather to contact other PTA programs to see if we can split the inventory

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm