

Daniel Bagley PTA Meeting Minutes 1/25/11 6:30-8:00pm

Welcome & Introductions - Elizabeth Gay

Meeting held in the library

Attended by: Erin Reid, James Stark, Karen Schultz, Britt Murphy, Alison Rice, Kelly Powers, Michelle Parnes, Kate Smith, Will Sugg, Doron Weisbarth, Kate O'Leary, Brett Milner-Feltis, Amy Cork, Renee Boone, Jeff Boone, Kevin Goss, Heather Schuman, Leslie Bray-McCoubrey, Isadora Jimenez, Chris, Bryan, Kim McMillen, Chris Potter, Jonathan McGuire, Chuck Millsap, Jeanette Chandler, Barbara Stone, Gary Stone, Lisa Keuss, Ursula Frank, Elizabeth Gay, Mary Lamb

Elizabeth –thanked the parents for coming out. Ms. Goodloe-Johnson is in route to the meeting. Ursula Frank will facilitate the question and answer period.

Treasurer Report – Erin Reid

At the December meeting a request was made to have a the budget available in graph form which was made available

Fundraising:

Jogathon raised 101% of budget

Giving Campaign 16% of budget

Free Money Program:

*Contact Heather Fuller with question regarding companies that donate proceeds to schools (Mamapedia was mentioned)

*Office Depot will donate a portion of sales to schools

*A suggestion was made to put together a one page of free money programs that benefit Daniel Bagley Expenses:

At 10% of budgeted expenses (last year at this time at 23%)

Holding money aside to support academic mission

BLT – Chris Potter

Update to be provided at February Meeting

Special Guest: Superintendent Dr. Maria Goodloe-Johnson

Elizabeth introduced Ms. Goodloe –Johnson:

Ms. Jones emphasized that Daniel Bagley has both a strong parent community, excellent teachers and noted that all teachers opted in to the teacher's contract.

The meeting moved to a Question and Answer discussion with the Superintendent. Highlights of this hour long discussion were:

Q: Why is the Montessori program not an option school?

A: School board has discussed the issue, no decision has been made to change the status but it is not off the table.

Several questions and comments were raised regarding the district policy on siblings -

1. Parents are frustrated that there are different tie breakers depending on which program they enroll in (Contemporary or Montessori)

1a. as a school of distinction is there flexibility managing the wait list?

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A. Questions regarding wait lists and tie breakers are policy questions and need to be raised to the school board

2. Transportation

2a. with regards to siblings: how are parents expected to get their kids to two different schools at the same time?

A. Parents are encouraged to attend transportation meetings. Highlights of the three tier transportation plan are: shorter routes, fewer buses, pay for taxi cabs for special needs students
Potential of 8 million from state to improve efficiencies

Siblings are guaranteed a spot at their attendance area schools

Ms. Goodloe-Johnson reiterated the school board is the venue to voice policy questions including inclusive busing and pay as you go. School start times are also being considered under the new transportation plan

Q. Budget Crisis

A. State looking at a 36.6 million dollar deficit. Cuts are being made between health care and education. Legislators need to hear from parents and teachers

The district is currently funded at 43% from the state

Looking at creating an in house train the trainer programs to support extra programs as budget cuts are occurring

Q. MAP Testing Resources

Is MAP testing the best use of time and resources? Specifically Daniel Bagley does not have a designated computer or testing lab

A. The license fee has been paid so the district is not saving money by eliminating testing - there is a proposal to decrease the number of testing cycles

Q. District policies regarding technology in particular Facebook

A. Best practices need to be put in place now. Legal counsel currently reviewing policy

Q. Who do we contact for playground improvements to support the Green Field Project

A. Bill Lewis in facilities

Ms. Goodloe Johnson concluded the meeting by reiterating parents can be involved in policy making by communicating with the school board and legislature. She thanked the parents for their time and offered to come back at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15