

Daniel Bagley PTA Meeting Minutes 9/14/10 6:00-8:30pm

Welcome & Introductions and Sign-In – Elizabeth Gay PTA President

- Future meetings will be from 6:30-8 in the library
- No introductions from those in attendance tonight due to the high turnout and tight schedule – future meetings we will ask that people introduce themselves
- Note cards will be made available to write questions down to be answered at next meeting
- PTA fundraising goal \$95,000
 - At the end of the year parents will have an opportunity to vote on the budget and how the raised funds are spent

Principal's Update - Anitra Pinchback-Jones Principal

- Presentation began with a slide show of the students and thanked the Potter and Woosley families for the photos taken last year that are now displayed throughout the school
- Reiterated her commitment to being student centered and partnering with parents and faculty
- Announced that Daniel Bagley has been chosen as Writers Workshop affiliate school – Partnering w/ staff from Columbia University. There were 5 schools in the district chosen
- The Building Leadership Team (parent reps are Chris Potter and Renee Boone) held a retreat on 8/16 and a follow up meeting on 9/9. The BLT will be partnering with the school to review the school improvement plan. Ms. Jones will make a point to update staff and families on their progress
- Thanked Kimberly Kinzer for her service to Daniel Bagley
- There were no questions

MAP Overview – Michelle Lewis Data Coach SPS

- Measures of Academic Progress
- Tests in Reading and Math
- The goal is to align to State's academic standards
- Link to Power Point presentation
http://inside.seattleschools.org/area/mapassess/familyengagement/MAP_Family_Orientation.pdf

Q&A session followed

- Accommodations will be granted on an as needed basis
- Parents can opt out of MAP by writing a note to the Principal

Ms. Jones provided an executive summary of MAP

During the next few weeks, students will take tests called Measures of Academic Progress(tm) (MAP) for the first time. The tests are administered three times during the year (September or October, January and June). We give students MAP tests to determine your child's instructional level; to measure academic growth throughout the school year; and to measure growth from year to year in the areas of reading and mathematics. Results from MAP are available immediately and so it will support our

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teachers in knowing what students have learned and the progress they are making. Teachers will use this information along with observations, daily work and other tests/quizzes as they consider how to adjust instruction to help each student succeed.

The tests will be taken using a computer, and your child will spend a total of about an hour and a half completing these tests. MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. For students who have not yet developed fluent reading skills, the test is available with audio support. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. And with MAP tests, we can administer shorter tests and use less class time while still receiving detailed, accurate information about your child's growth. This fall, teachers will discuss Student Progress Reports during parent-teacher conferences in November.

Jogathon – Leslie McCoubrey

- Scheduled for October 1 10:30 – 11:20
- 50min run for students
- Last year we had 100% participation, the kids ran 9000 laps
 - Different courses for K-2 and 3-5
- PTA 2nd biggest fundraising
- Permission slips must be signed for students to participate
- Supports kids directly
- Parent volunteers are needed
 - Volunteer your time, make a donation or both!

Directory and PTA Membership – Chris Potter and Dan Cory

- In the past Daniel Bagley has been one of the few schools to have 100% participation
 - ½ way to meeting that goal this year with one family member per student as a PTA member
 - Membership fee is \$20 per household or \$11 individual
- Don't forget to fill out the Directory Information sheet
 - The directory is a tool that both parents and teachers use to get in touch with you

Playground project update – Kevin Huber

- Green Field Project – renovating playground with grass field, trees, running track
 - Project is working in conjunction with the Garden project to optimize resources for grant writing and labor
- 14 dedicated volunteers
 - Still in the planning and mobilizing phase
- Received major grant for \$97,500 about ½ total cost budgeted – the grant is a matching grant dependent on volunteer hours and money in the bank
 - 3100 volunteer hours have been pledged
 - \$5000 raised to date with a \$4000 coming from the PTA
 - A 5K fun run will be held 10/31 at Lower Woodland Park to raise money – Leslie McCoubrey is organizing

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- Finish line bricks will be sold (donate money and have your message inscribed)
- As a condition of the grant a Spring community outreach meeting will be held for the surrounding neighborhood and local business
- A request for Parent Volunteers was a success with an Accountant and Graphic Designer agreeing to volunteer their time – thanks Jessica and Jason!
- Need student involvement – mobilize students with art projects
 - Examples include creating signs to track fundraising

Garden Project update - Andrea Huber

- Garden week is September 20-24
 - Everyone is invited to the Apple Social on Friday
 - Information is being sent on the V-list
 - Volunteer opportunities available
 - The Greenlake food bank will be presenting a scale to weigh produce
 - Lettuce Links will provide seeds and curriculum
 - 20lbs of compost is being delivered 9/22 – a work party will start at 6pm to move the mountain!
 - City providing wheel barrels and tarps
- Two fundraisers held in the spring provided funds for a raised bed for each class
- Grant was denied however there is funds for 09-10 school year curriculum
- Questions contact Bees in the Garden

Inclusion Program – Kate O’Leary

- Review of the Bagley Inclusion Program
 - Students with special needs are included in the general student population
 - Special Education Department helps staff collaborate
 - Inclusion is both a program and a culture at Bagley
 - The goal is to open dialogue about differences both great and small building compassionate acceptance throughout our school
 - Strengths and Challenges program will begin in classrooms in Sept.
- Parent Support Group is in its third year
 - Meets monthly
 - Organizing a Parent Ed night bringing in experts in the field to talk

Treasurer’s Report – Erin Reid

- Reviewed Profit and Loss statement
- End of Year wrap up
 - \$71,000 raised went directly to support students in the classroom

Chinook Books –

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- Chinook Books available for purchase \$20 - -\$10 goes to the PTA
 - \$3000 worth of coupons
 - Includes an iPhone App to redeem coupons

Open Agenda – All

- The question of Transportation Problems was raised
 - Parents are finding it difficult to get Transportation Department to respond to issues - Seems more difficult this year
 - Ms. Jones apologized on behalf of SPS and is following up with the Transportation Department
- The question of Trailers on the playground was raised
 - The trailers are Mobile offices
 - Due to the significant enrollment increase this school year the mobile offices are a one year fix for personnel who lost an office due to classroom reconfiguration
 - The portables are part of a shared lease agreement with the Boys and Girls Club
- MAP Testing will provide mobile computer labs for use within the classroom and for testing
 - Arrive 9/15
- Parents expressed frustration that the PTA Meeting and Curriculum Night were held during the same week
 - the feedback will be considered in planning for next year
- Current Enrollment Number
 - 412 students projected – currently at 383 students
 - Waitlist will be managed up until 9/30
- Student Progress Reports mailed 9/16
- 9/17 Kid Mail will include After School Programs
- Harvest Howl Update – Ursula Frank
 - A request for volunteers was met with one response
 - The success of the event relies heavily on volunteers as many as 50 have been required
 - The idea of having it every other year is on the table and this year focus energy on promoting the 5K fun run on 10/31

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 and parents were given an opportunity to preview the MAP testing in the library.

Next PTA Meeting October 12 at 6:30 in the library