

## February PTA Meeting Minutes: Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 2017

### Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

- Passed out sign in sheet
- The following members were present:
  - Stacey Porter
  - Darlena Simmons
  - Keith Robinson
  - John Hernandez
  - Jeremy Porter
  - Stephanie Kimmel
  - Erin Sacluti
  - Erika Seaver
  - Jenny Walsh
  - Erik Friedman
  - Jeremy Walts
  - Carla Green
  - Michaela Marchi
  - Sharon Robinson
- Approval of Last Month's minutes
  - Moved to approve by Stephanie Kimmel, then seconded by Stacey Porter - minutes were approved

### New Business

- D65 Referendum: Presentation given by school board member, Suni Cartha
  - Vote on adopting the resolution put forth by the PTA Council to endorse the referendum
  - Keith Robinson moved to support the referendum, Sharon Robinson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, unanimous vote to support

### Old Business

- Budget
  - Not much change since last meeting, just paid out to Erik's Angel Fund
  - PNO advanced ticket sales are looking good – more people have signed up to go
    - The system for check-out at PNO is set up and ready – 3 receipt types (check-in, check-out, & raffle)

### Committee Updates

- Exec Committee Announcements
  - Ways & Means Committee:
    - We need a volunteer from each committee, we have one from STEM
    - The group will define our guidelines for spending (what to do with extra money or when we are short money from an event)
    - Stacey will send out more detailed info to committee heads so they can present to their groups
  - PTA Council Meeting Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7:00pm @ Washington Elementary. We would like to have at least one representative from Walker at all PTA Council Meetings.
- Engagement: No Update at this time
- STEM:
  - The Robotics teams were in an Expo and it was very successful. We had 3 teams, 18 kids total. We will probably need more adult volunteers to help coach the teams in the future.
  - Talking and planning the Science Fair (Invention Convention) for April 27<sup>th</sup>
    - Talking to EvanSTEM
    - Looking for volunteers to help students who don't have a ton of home support to participate
- Fundraising:
  - Parents' Night Out
    - Registration available online: <http://walkerpta.corecommerce.com/Parents-Night-Out-2017>
    - At Capitol Coffee & Eatery, begins [at 7pm](#), bidding will close [at 9:30pm](#) and the ticket cost will be \$25/person, cash bar.
  - Feb Restaurant Fundraiser: Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at Dengeo's
  - WalkerFest : April 29<sup>th</sup>, planning will start after PNO
  - Spring Fling Dance Party: May 20<sup>th</sup> with Marcus Brown
- Education:
  - Session II of Enrichment classes are wrapping up. Session III will start at the end of the month
  - Chess Club's tournament season has started. They are doing well and winning matches.
    - Had 22 kids in Session II
  - Residencies for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

- Meet with teachers and got constructive feedback on last year. We hashed out how to fix the problems moving forward for this year.
- Last year the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade project tied into their Then & Now History unit; looking at the resources needed in their own environment/neighborhoods. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders had a visual arts artist and a literacy component: they did poems of “Where I’m From...” (some were in contests and won). They took the poems and made art collages and then turned them into 3D art pieces. Teachers liked the project so much that they are adding the poem assignment into their own instruction.
- This year the 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be doing the same poem assignment, but will work with a photographer and make photo collages. The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will pull from their science work and focus on insects – making stories and short skits about them and creating a performance. If the timeline matches up, maybe we can have the photography collages and performances as part of the WOW event.
- The cost is still being worked out. Planning on using the budget from last year. We may need a possible increase for the camera equipment for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, but we won’t know until next week.
- Stephanie Kimmel can check out insect boxes from the Field Museum and get you access for the kids possibly.
- We would love to have parent volunteers come in 2-3 times throughout the residences to help out. We can possibly send out an on-line sign-up sheet to get volunteers.
- School & Community Partnerships: No Update at this time

#### **Volunteer needs**

- Parent Advocate (for D65 referendum)
- Spiritwear Sales at Parent Teacher Conferences (Tu 2/14, 4-7pm & Wed 2/15, 4-6pm)
- Volunteers/Donations for WalkerFest raffle

#### **Open discussion**

- Sharon Robinson gave a presentation about kids and media
  - [www.healthychildren.org](http://www.healthychildren.org) – can create a family media plan
  - [www.commoncommonsensemedia.org](http://www.commoncommonsensemedia.org) – is a site that can help you weed out what apps and websites are actually helpful/learning based for kids
- Adjournment