

Maple PTSA Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2018

Attendance: Joy Raymond, Gitane Versakos, Maria Herman, Daisy Barragan, Jen Seminara, Erica DeMeerleer, Gina Englund, Summer Gallagher, Nikki Beall, Stephen Dooley, Jenn Gosma, Jeffrey Miranda, Agnes Gomez, Bill Eisele, Daisy Barragan, Jo Lute-Ervin and Maria Batayola.

Meeting start time: 6:35PM

Welcome and Introductions around the room.

Presentation - El Centro FAA Petition on Noise Reduction and Mitigation Funds - Maria Batayola, Volunteer Environmental Equity Organizer

- Batayola invited Maple PTSA to join the community action plan to address air and noise pollution health concerns on Beacon Hill. By petitioning FAA administration and Congress to change the law/rules, the community hopes to get air and noise ground measurements taken and be eligible for mitigation funding.
- Goal of 1,000 signatures by February 26.
- Signatures online and/or by hard copy. Hard copy circulated at the meeting. Nikki Beall to return hard copy to Batayola. Online signatures also needed:
<https://www.change.org/p/el-centro-needs-your-help-with-our-petition-to-faa-congress-for-beacon-hill-seattle-airplane-noise-reduction-mitigation>
- Gina to do: Link for online signatures posted to Maple's Facebook page.
- Email Batayola with questions: environmentalequity@elcentrodelaraza.org

Atrium Update – Stephen Dooley

- Met with Seattle Public Schools Facilities Program Manager, Gretchen Dedecker, who is supportive of the plan
- One item still needing approval in terms of fire code: Awnings.
- Next steps: submitting a step by step plan on getting the project done and a timeline.
- Timeline: project completed by end of Summer 2018.
- ASK: 5-10 volunteers needed.

Master Plan Funding – Stephen Dooley

- Dooley presented to the PTSA pursuing a Maple Master Plan which was suggested by Gretchen Dedecker.
- Master Plan for the school and its surroundings; a 10-25-year plan of how Maple can best grow; this has been done at several other area schools.
- PTSA commitment involves 1-2 meetings with an approved district to get input on what is wanted/needed; consulting community members; volunteer to write a grant; 2-3 meetings to gather feedback.

- PTSA approved moving forward with this plan.
- To do: Dooley will take first steps to get Master Plan going.

The Arts Council Update – Stephen Dooley

- Last planning meeting done and now have an action plan.
- Stephen Boucheit, Maple Teacher, is leader of this group.
- First step: survey of students, feeder school students, teachers, feeder school teachers, possibly parents to gather data on what our arts program should look like.
- Timeline: on-going.

Principal Update – Daisy Barragan

- ASK: 2 Volunteers for March 8, 8am-2pm for class photos assistance; Agnes Gomez and Jenn Gosma/Joy Jaymond volunteered; Contact Heidi Ellis in the office contact for this.
- Lunar New Year Celebration; Friday 940-1010 in the gym; everyone is welcome to wear cultural attire; parents invited; next year celebration will flip-flop so the Lunar New Year Celebration will be in the evening and African American Celebration will be an assembly.
- Request for the PTSA: \$30-40/month for Birthday cake; school has always bought the cakes for lunchtime/monthly birthday celebrations but this is NOT allowed; PTSA approved paying for the birthday cakes; for now, Daisy Barragan will purchase and PTSA will reimburse with principal fund.
- Miss Jo Lute-Ervin, who has been filling in as Asst Principal, is now in her last week. A huge THANK YOU!
- With the recent news item regarding sexual abuse/assault in Seattle Public Schools by a substitute teacher, Daisy Barragan circulated a handout: “Talking to Your Kids About Sexual Abuse” by the King Co Sexual Assault Resource Center.
 - At Maple, Life Skills curriculum includes discussing different types of touch
 - Reminded parents to say something if things don’t seem right between students, teachers or other parents
 - Remind your children is not okay to keep secrets and adults should not ask a child to ever keep secrets
 - Remind your children to tell someone, trust someone if they do not seem safe.
 - To do: Gitane to post on Facebook the YMCA resource regarding sexual abuse and how to discuss with your children age-appropriately.

PTSA President Update - Joy Raymond

- Kindergarten playground –
 - afterschool children should stay on the play equipment and blacktop
 - students should not climb the tree.
 - To do: Agnes Gomez will include reminder in the next newsletter.
- Breakfast After the Bell update –
 - Friday meeting at 2:30pm with United Way Representative, Maple school personnel and Joy Raymond.

- Meeting to discuss process and how the program will work in Spring with the Maple Marathon.

Family Engagement Action Team - FEAT Update – NO NEWS.

Fundraising - Bingo Night Update – Jenn Gosma

- March 9th in the Maple gym.
- Presale tickets till march 2nd \$5/person, \$10 at the door
- 8 rounds of bingo over a couple of hours
- PTSA selling concessions inside
- PTSA selling Maple gear
- MCs are Jen Seminara and Gail Sehlhorst
- bake sale planned for 3rd and 4th graders for raising \$ for Camp Seymour
- 2 flyers going out kid mail (one for bake sale)
- NEED: volunteer committee; sign up circulated to the meeting attendees.
- To do: Summer Gallagher to send out volunteer committee request on signupgenius

Treasury Report – Jen Seminara

- Reported gift from Maple family for \$1000 which was triple matched by employer for \$4000 total!

Communications – Gitane Versakos – NO NEWS.

- Boxtop reminder – keep them coming – can hand in to homeroom teacher or in the office!!!

Volunteer – Summer Gallagher – NO NEWS.

Membership – Erica DeMeerleer

- New way for people to sign up for PTSA via Smartsheet; Rolling out soon.
- PTSA will be able to capture data on members regarding when to volunteer, age of child, relationship to child, etc.
- Gitane to continue maintaining the gmail until the smartsheet is up and running.

Miscellaneous

- Afterschool Programming - Bill Eisele
 - Suggested Maple look to a successful afterschool program: Bailey Gatzert Elementary.
 - Gatzert Elementary has Seattle University teaching students staff the afterschool programs
 - Bill Eisele will reach out to Bailey Gatzert research how this is organized and report back to the PTSA.

Next PTSA Meeting: Tuesday, 3/13/18, at 6:30pm in Staff Lounge

Meeting end time: 7:53PM.

Minutes prepared by Nikki Beall, secretary.