

Feb 2014 SPC Meeting Minutes

Introductions

Playing Field Update – Kieran - \$235K pledged – Amazing job, deadline, March 1, \$25K yet to raise, Whole Foods is doing a campaign until the 18th. They are letting us set up tables. There was a meeting with BPS facilities – they have committed to bidding the project this year, though there is a lot of pressure on BPS due to budget issues. Northeastern is doing some pro-bono work. Lots of support through community at large and school community as well.

Curley Silent Auction – Tuesday March 25th – Canary Square - Trying to increase the revenue from this year. There people out there asking for stuff. Send the Save the Date this week. Looking for volunteers for various tasks.

Other Fundraising news and notes

Plant sale is the next big fundraiser – April – it's going to have to a kids activity
Marathon numbers – playing field & one for the SPC – Dan Barcan is having fundraiser at Doyle's, Backpack letter – there is a concern about donor fatigue?
Question about anyone wants to work on this? End of Year BBQ, Mr. Hopson 8th grade social studies teacher is leaving.
Midway Music Event - June

Arts team update

Art show April 10th

Wake up the Earth Parade, need parents to organize with the parade. There is an idea of using the BPS parents as a groups –especially in reaction to the budget cuts, like a public protest. Email will go out looking for volunteers to help set up and take down and people who can work the tables. They want every kid's artwork up. There is a Sleeping Beauty performance coming up.

Curley Uniform exchange and policy - Megan

State of uniforms at the Curley, one of the things we can do this year is to get a uniform exchange in the Family Resource Center. The model is based on the JFK school where they have a very successful uniform exchange. Very clear expectations need to be on the website. They want to survey the staff at March 2nd. K-5 & 6-8 They are looking at what has worked at other schools. We are considering separate uniform policies for K-5 and 6-8, along with rewards for classrooms with high compliance.

SSC Update - Heshan

Budget cuts jeopardize a 5 year literacy grant from the federal government. Affects the Curley and 7 other schools. BPS restored funding for the literacy coaches

because of the possibility of a fine from the federal government if the plan were abandoned. Questions remain as to whether BPS is committed to the program or if this is a one-year fix.

Every provisional teacher (pre-tenure, 12 positions at the Curley School) will be asked to re-apply for his or her job. This will allow the Curley teachers to interview for their jobs, rather than being bumped by teachers with seniority who will be in the excess pool.

3 retirements: 8th grade social studies Mr. Hobson, 4th grade SAR Ms. Sampson, 1st grade SEI Ms. Caban.

Cuts at K1 SEI - Ms. Kidd. Ms. Kidd can be offered Ms. Caban's position.

Principal Grassa has been seeking out teachers with multiple certifications and encouraging provisional teachers to pursue these certifications.

There is a state mandate that 20% of the teachers at the Curley School be black (or is it African American?). The Curley School is out of compliance, and will need to hire at least 3 black teachers to meet this diversity goal.

School climate: suggestion that the SPC send delegates to this committee's meetings. Three groups: expectations, adult reactions to in-school occurrences, positive incentives.

Thank you to Noreen Power for gather feedback and creating proposals around AWC and its effect on the school community. Meeting at 2:45, February 26. Two proposals: equalizing curricula to add rigor, common homeroom model for grades 4-6, different programming only for ELA and math.

We are a PARCC-designated school. Testing at 3rd, 7th, and 8th grade, administered online with Chromebooks. Not all students will take the test.

Budget Issues

We are working with Sonia Chang-Diaz, Liz Malia, and Jeffrey Sanchez. Sonia Chang-Diaz has pointed us to legislation she introduced last spring. Liz Malia has office hours 8-9 AM at JP Licks Feb 21, Jeff Sanchez.

We are hoping to meet with George Perry (education advisor to Marty Walsh) regarding the budget.

We have speakers lined up for each upcoming school committee meeting.

We are working with 14 schools to advocate for school budget restorations.