

## **April SPC Meeting – Minutes**

Special guest -- Saroem Phoung- Circle Training specialist

**Diversity Group Update** – 4<sup>th</sup> of Wed. of the month – 5:30 pm Upper School Library Race Dialogue group, a group of staff and families – Group continued meeting. Multicultural Equity Team, Looking at ways to support the kids who are struggling in reading. Diversity of parent council – priorities of SPC, a question about getting different families engaged, follow-up calls, Betty is working with a group of immigrants. ELS class could be a place where the groups have more communication.

**School climate group** needs parents to get involved. It's made up of teachers and staff. Developing plan. Mr. Hobson, Mr. Cardoso, Mrs. Redden, Mrs. Burke, Principal Grassa, Kate Davis. Meet every other Tuesday. Email Maria Montiero-Roby, part of quality schools plan.

**Budget**—Needs to be thought about from a long range plan

**Silent Auction** – it was a great event, Heidi Brooks took on the layout of the restaurant, items were grouped in categories, invitations were given to local businesses.

**Back Pack letter** – Fundraising letter that goes to every family. It can make up for a

**Plant Sale** – May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Volunteers needed to help sell plants. Idea is to gather more information about “Friends of the Curley” – need for a database such as Salesforce

**Midway Music Event** – Will charge \$20 but have sliding scale

**Technology Stipend** – To support Connie Redden to take care of the computers. Question about whether the SPC had agreed to pay for her stipend, or offered it as a loan.

There is now a Friends of the Curley 501c3 – starting for next year.

**Community Center of Boston** will come to the next meeting to discuss their program and plans for next year

**BPS Budget** – restoration of K1 and K2 classrooms that they had initially cut. We were losing 15.5 position – now we losing 12 positions – the fight is continuing – At the budget fight level- testifying to the School Committee, City Council, meeting at the State House next Wednesday 10 am, trying to get the Mayor to meet. 31 schools involved in the fight. The charter school bill is still in play. The bill is in House Ways and Means Committee [bpsparentsabc@gmail.com](mailto:bpsparentsabc@gmail.com)

**School Site Council** – We are hiring some new positions and are having provisional teachers reapply for their jobs. 9 of the 10 have been hired -- all first choice candidates.

**Maria Monteiro Roby** – Family Outreach Coordinator positions being cut from by the system. The Trotter is trying to save their FCOC, we should be growing this program not cutting it. What are we going to do to save Maria's position?

**Circle Training** -- Saroeum Phoung – Linda Solomon has invited him into to help. The 6,7,8 doesn't have a social-emotional curriculum. The history of using circles and restorative justice. The training wasn't adequate for teachers to deal with the issues that come up. How to make something that is sustainable to the school. Open Circle is now used for k-5<sup>th</sup>, 15 minutes twice a week. The question is who is going to do it and where will it fit. Saroeum works with Roka – Non-profit – dealing with conflict in young people. He is leading a national movement on this type of work. Circle work helps deal with issues in the community.

**Uniform Exchange** is up and running it needs both donations and people to feel free to talk them. Will move a location closest to the lower school. Talk it up. Survey going out.

**AWC – General Ed Integration Team** – Trying to build community partnerships. A donors choose project was completed to set up a book room for 3-5 that has enough books that students can read them in class.

**Playing Field** -- is going to happen. The bids are going out, ground will be broken in summer.