

Curley SPC Minutes March 5, 2015

1. Introductions
2. Bidding for Good Live online auction begins Mar 10-23, shuts down eve of 23rd. Live event is the 24th.
3. Looking to expand middle school music, applied for grant for next year and this year \$22, 875
4. Principal Grassa would like to expand k2 music.
5. Art show is Apr 16th evening 6-8, need more help for this event that night-will be a call for volunteers to help setup, breakdown, sell food and clean up.
6. Make way for ducklings Friday 9am Mar 20; Grade 1 dance performance April 16, 9am
7. Budget approved but there is concern about raising money for the music program, we currently have around \$12k
8. Is there anything we plan to recruit at the Arts events? Kristin J will sit with a laptop and collect names. Also suggested that we take names and other info at the first open house so that we get everyone since so many parents are there, maybe a booth that says Parent Council. Leah B will hand out sheets in Spanish for the Spanish speaking parents that gives instructions on where to sign up. Must include is it ok to contact you by email, or text. Need better communication around volunteers, how can we get more people from outside the community to get involved in especially for the upcoming auction
9. Silent auction – Ann DeGeorge said they will spread the word by the class lists so if even if a parent doesn't come to the event they can participate. We now have around 20k of value of things to be auctioned off. They are told to expect about 50% of that so at least 10k should be made. If an item doesn't do well online it can be paired with something else at the auction. Goal is to break \$14k. Still looking for volunteers - there are another 7 or 8 people on the committee. There was a conference call that did not include everyone, as folks did not know about it. Ann has felt unclear about how to communicate because she is not sure who is on the committee and who should be included, so she will talk to Heidi, her co-chair. We need to reach out to the community for big ticket items. Bidding for Good will reach so many more people. Ann will send Heshan an email about the auction and he will get it out there. Need volunteers for March 14th for set up all day at Heidi's house. There is a meeting this Monday at 8pm. Need help from noon to 9pm on the 24th, place to be determined. At the event they will stagger closing each category, if it closes out the hope is that the bidders will go to another category. Eliza has an idea for Sidecar to get a case of wine for us to purchase to put up for auction, so have committee members buy one bottle of wine so that we create a case to auction off. Childcare will be \$5 per hour per child, will be managed at CASP – Dave will be at CASP., they will give out a sheet to give to the kids now. Childcare will be \$25/hr for the workers. El Panino will possibly donate pizzas for the kids.
10. Wake up the Earth is May 2nd, Either May 2 or May 9th is plant sale.
11. Citywide parent council – a way to connect SSC and SPC. Suggestion from Michelle Brooks is to get our SPC folks to join the citywide so that there is continuity in representation to be in compliance. We need 18 people, Heshan thinks we can use the SSC and SPC people to fulfill.

SSC budget – had to cancel twice due to snow, there will be an SSC meeting next week. Peter Sloan is coming to talk about SEI, as we are slated to lose SEI and the 9 kids will go to the Hennigan and the Tobin. It's happening all across the city. We've fought it and fought really well but it seems that it's going. BPS made the decisions before the numbers were actually in. Each student has a base amount, and more is added if you are in SEI, SPED etc. We need to act on this because parents will think it's Katie's fault but it is not her - it is BPS policy. There are 9 kids in our community with older siblings or younger coming in that will now have to move to a school 2.5 mile past the Curley. There is an article on the website with the last story regarding this. SEI is currently from k2-8. K2 is getting cut this year. System is relying on teachers to do both SEI and regular ed. Heshan is semi hopeful that this will not happen. This will actually segregating our neighborhood. The city argument is that the slots are not being filled (the thought is that a lot of the Hispanic community is moving from JP). This is 1/6th of our population, we need 6 kids to save 159 other kids (159 is the number that would not be able to come to our school if the SEI is cut) Please come out on Tuesday from 5:30-7 in the upper school library, same time as the new diversity group.

BPS is proposing to close 1 elementary, 1 middle and 3 specialty high schools. We had 2 seats on the panel for the public vetting process. We are sponsoring a conference on Mar 21 for SSC's and SPC's , nuts and bolts type of workshops, using committees effectively, how to organize around budgets, etc at the Bolling building from 8-12:45.

CPC and BPON recommends people to the mayor when there is a school committee opening. CPC is BPS parents and BPON is community people.

New superintendent Tommy Chang 39 year old from LA, who has promised to engage at the district level and city level.

12. Other updates

Leah B: Next Friday is Principals Breakfast

Gen Ed/AWC meeting will have a meeting next week Friday for 3rd graders; next year AWC has opted to adopt curriculum learning that is already being used in regular ed classes. Spanish will not be offered in regular AWC class. Lots of homework given but not a correlation between test scores and homework. Teaching of executive functioning, 5th grade as a team is good at time management, in the meeting it came up that it should be school wide. When looking at prof development for the summer, they should consider looking at it