

CURLEY SPC April 2, 2015

1. Silent Auction *Ann DeGeorge* Amazing job both in terms of the amount raised and the feel of the event. Previous years were in the 12-14k range. Because of Bidding for Good, we are likely to make nearly \$20k!!! Final tally to account for expenses so will be a little lower. Raises the possibility of holding more than one each year since the enormous legwork to set it up on BFG has been done. A few sports items came in late and are still available on line, along with spots at Movie night in Fort Hill.
2. Boston Cares *Molly Brigham* Volunteer activity clearing house. An opportunity for them to come to the Curley possibly May 9 to do mostly school yard clean up but indoor work also. Dana is coordinating the date but need a volunteer to captain the event (flyers, day of coordination). Janitorial staff is lean and there are often more shortfalls. Eliza and Ann are considering doing it. Likely Julie will help as well. A few benches are broken (new one due to plow), basketball hoop and other problems should be brought to Katie's attention. There may be funds left over from the playing field that can be brought to bear.
3. Health and Wellness *Katie Fitch* Last year's focus was food and nutrition including removal of vending machines in upper school and re-instatement of the salad bar. This year the focus is mindfulness and Sue Trotz and volunteers are doing meditation exercises with the kids. Also working on a video to help kids understand about recycling in the school. Junky cereals were recently being served for breakfast but they were pulled. Recent cuts for schools with their own kitchens to very basic menu. Next H & W Meeting on Tuesday April 7 @7:15 am as well as Saturday April 4 at JP Licks @ 12:30 to talk about a district wide effort.
4. Upcoming events; *Molly Brigham*
 - a. Wake up the Earth It would be nice for Curley to be part of the parade. Molly will email art teachers. First Saturday in May.
 - b. Plant Sale coming up first Saturday in May along with Bake sale and crafts. Need volunteers. Headed up by Flo and Kristin J.
 - c. Rock Monitor June 5 at the Midway Cafe. Lots of bands but other parent musicians welcome.
5. City Wide Parent Council *Heshan BW* Represents all BPS families which came back to life around last year's budget - currently 55 schools participating. Formed to support individual SPCs. Received \$10K to re-form as a 501c3 to raise funds for all schools especially for those schools with less connected/active SPCs. Met with Mayor's education secretary last week. Upcoming meeting with new Superintendent.

Budget is continued focus as more cuts (\$50 million approx.) and working with city and state (esp. Ways and Means committees) regarding more funding for schools which this year will include school committee members. Formula per kid is being changed again vis a vis poverty weighting and State made recommendations but City chose a formula made on benefits rather than school lunch data. Excludes undocumented students and affects allocations. Other focus is nutrition and need input for H&W committee. Third focus is transportation where additional buses are being cut on top of end of funding for 7th and 8th graders. Two schools being closed: the Greenwood - Elementary and the Rogers - Middle School which will be renovated and the Munoz will relocate there. Rogers had a strong ELL program which will end. Doing meetings by district to bring in city councilors and parents to protest cuts and closing. BPS Facilities plan consultant is being selected and will be done over next 18 months which will include a programmatic review by building. Finally pressing for Principal evaluations at every school.

6. School Site Council *Heshan B-W* Losing 7th and 8th grade classrooms because of under enrollment. Sheltered English language program is being eliminated which will reduce our school diversity; kids will go to SEI hub schools (the Tobin and the Hennigan). Will gain new programs including a pre-K 3-4 year old program for non-IEP kids and other new classes. Meeting next Tuesday 4/7 at 5:30..

NEXT MEETINGS: May 7 at 8:45 am and June 4 at 6 pm (potluck).