

PA Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2015

Board members present: Shaqua Randle, Melissa Kelly, Elizabeth Leih, Jamilliah White, Jennifer Consilvio

Staff present: Dr. Nancy Streim, Principal Verdiner, Ms. Leona, Ms. Cox

Press present: Gustavo Solis of DNA.info

Other: Clayton Ernest from District 5

The meeting began at 6:05 p.m.

1. Minutes from the December PA meeting are adopted.

2. Financial Update (Jennifer Consilvio)

Still have a negative cash flow, but we have just started our annual dues drive and other spring fundraising so we are not concerned.

3. Update on Square 1 Art. (Shaqua Randle)

We have just hired an art teacher. We are still requesting parent volunteers. Explanation of project.

4. Update from Principal Verdiner

Recent negative press: Concerned that parent(s) who sent the letter to the press felt that they did not have a place to express their concerns. We need to have a forum that better addresses this. Also, the principal could not address other school concerns while she dealt with the press. Has received many positive comments since the negative article came out. "My door is open.... I may take a little time to get to you ... but I'm open to hear you."

Assessments. There will be a town hall on January 26 to discuss. A written version will be available for those who cannot make it in person.

Staffing: Ms. Caffrey (grade 3) had a baby girl. Principal has not been able to find a suitable substitute. Ms. Sarabia will sub for Ms. Caffrey. Notified that class's parents first. We will have Ms. Williams cover the library.

We just hired an art teacher. She will begin coming to observe while her background check is completed.

Recess indoors. Would like parents to create stations (make a plan, no need to be here to monitor). About Imagination Playground, it cannot all be out at once. Proposed to have one block of IP out as a station. If parents are interested in planning the stations, please contact the PA board. They need to move.

5. Valentine's Day care-grams – Student Council would like to fundraise. The PA would sponsor this by providing the materials so that student council can operate the fundraiser. A flyer would come home. Parent volunteers are needed to assist.

6. Save the date: Parent social and silent auction will be May 13th at 6:30 p.m at the Dwyer Cultural Center. A flyer will come home soon with more information.

7. Recent letters to the chancellor and the press.

Shaqua recounts the events of the weekend; how she was asked to make a statement to the DOE press department. She gave two, with her name. One as PA board president and one as a 2nd grade parent. Article appears; does not use the statement as PA board president. Finally received the letter Sunday afternoon. We emailed the Chancellor our response to the anonymous letter on Monday evening.

Opens it for an open and respectful forum. Many parents shared their views.

Dr. Streim of TC speaks about TC commitment to TCCS.

Meeting concluded at about 7:30 p.m.