

TCCS GENERAL PA MEETING  
November 18, 2015  
MINUTES

Board officers in attendance: Shaqua Randle, Melissa Kelly, Jennifer Consilvio, Elizabeth Leih, Jamilliah White

**1. Winterfest Update**

Kenyatta Dean, Laurie Kindred, Maggie Mathieu

There are still spots for dancers. If 4<sup>th</sup> graders don't fill it up, it will open up for other grades. We still need food sign ups and other volunteer positions.

**2. Principal's Update**

Principal Verdiner

- Over 244 parents attended the student-led parent-teacher conferences.
- Parent engagement: 7:55 to 8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays is set aside to meet with classroom teachers. Teachers do make accommodations to meet at other times if necessary.
- Inclement weather: Students reported that they watched a video during recess. This happened on inclement weather days. Ms. Verdiner is concerned that 100 children in the MPR room running around is unsafe. More suggestions have been made so that watching a video is not the only option; stations of different activities is one. For drop off, there are concerns about inclement weather. 8:00 a.m. the cafeteria opens, at 8:25 a.m. the MPR opens. Any children who want to come inside before 8:25 are welcome to come to the cafeteria. The cafeteria has capacity of 162 people. We have to accept that the school has capacity issues and the school building cannot hold all parents and all children at one time.
- Art teacher: Ms. Cox is interviewing for a replacement. We have high expectations here, so she is looking for the right candidate. Ms. Cox also spoke about this; she is open to recommendations.
- Lunch: Concern about time available to eat. Children are very social, if they do not finish in time then they can go sit at the late table. Kindergarteners need more help and time. 4<sup>th</sup> graders play first so that they do not rush through their meal.
- The school has 3 CPR-trained staff members who are trained every 2 years.
- Positive Behavior Intervention System: positive reinforcement; staff volunteers being trained; it's about being nurturing and recognizing the positive (not the negative). It has to be planned strategically. It will hopefully be launched in the spring.
- Children sometimes play rough, so the staff is looking for ways to incorporate character building and values such as kindness into the curriculum. Teasing is an issue especially in the lower grades; principal visited lower grades and spoke about being culturally sensitive. It's okay to ask questions. We can post the motto. We want the children to have a voice in creating this motto.

- Student Council: Committee is made up of 4th graders. Students are making decisions about this. Third and fourth graders can run for office. The students and Ms. Verdiner are holding each other accountable.
- Tomorrow is next Parents as Learning Partners

### **3. SLT update and Parent Survey**

Melissa Kelly and Kim Kefgen with Michelle Kelly

Survey is set up to capture data about parent opinions regarding co-location issues and principal selection. This will inform both the expansion committee and the C-30 level one committee. Survey is anonymous. Data will only be reviewed by SLT members and expansion committee. Deadline is Wednesday, November 25.

DOE (at the chancellor level) has said that P.S. 129 is the co-location option. What can we do? Do we invest in making it work with this school, or do we fight for another option?

There are not a lot of choices for space in CB 9.

We cannot all move as one K-8 school. Not an option to downsize the school.

The SLT is starting to develop the middle school curriculum.

Level 1 Committee (made up of teachers, SLT/PA parents, Nancy Streim) will meet in December. Three to five candidates will be interviewed. Level 1 does not make the ultimate decision. It goes back to Superintendent Reeves and Dr. Streim. We do not know yet who the candidates are.

**4. School pictures** will be in next week; retake day is Nov. 30th

**5. Giving Thanks Social** is next Tuesday. Need food sign ups. No nuts.

**6. Meeting time change** for evening meetings to be at 5:45 p.m. Still alternates with morning meetings every other month. A vote was held; and this amendment has passed.

**7. Parent emergency communication plan.** The DOE has procedures in place. A motion passed to discuss it at our next evening PA meeting (January).

### **8. Treasurer's update.**

Reimbursement policy needs to be followed. Parents must request permission before making purchases and asking for reimbursements. The motion was put forward to add this policy to our bylaws; this passed. This amendment was passed.

We raised \$4000 towards school supplies.

Schoola has raised almost \$500 this year.