

MINUTES FOR
PARENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2016

Started 8:48 PM

Board Attendance: Ji Young Lee, Ayishah Irvin, Laurie Kindred, Marianne Soohoo

- I. Call to order
- II. Reading and Approval of Minutes
Will be on website for folks to review
- III. Principal's Report
 1. Middle School enrollment: Tomorrow enrollment meeting for just 5th grade families at enrollment office to ask individual questions. We got table at D5 and D6 fair. We will be placed in new school round in February.
 2. All students for Grade 5 guaranteed seat in Grade 6 at TCCS. In first school round parents get result and families will also get acceptance to TCCS Middle School. Families will have 2 choice and 2 acceptance letters.
 3. School site/expansion: It's a negotiation. Verdiner does not have concrete answer. Farina says we will know by November. Protocols: need to go to SLT and discuss with Superintendent. We will have options. By Nov we will have our space allocated to us.

4. STEAM program: 4th and 5th Graders. 3rd Grader adopted by Turner 20 20 STEAM program. Will start later Nov/Dec. Verdiner will send info out as we get it.
5. REP asphalt green recess enhancement they train lunch staff school aide to have play outside. Staff will be trained to have organized games. Did not get full program, but we can sign up for smaller program. They come in once a month assess, create stations of play and train staff. Verdiner will send two people out to get training.
6. Concerns about discipline: Safety is priority. Verdiner has put plans in place following progressive discipline and reaching out to families. All kids entitled to public education. Need to make sure kids are safe and education not in jeopardy. Intensive planning last week. Staff and Verdiner cannot discuss specific students with non parents.
7. Antibullying workshop. Verdiner found Fair and Square and 3-5th grade presentation Nov 1 or 2nd. Differentiated for upper grades. Character building, anti bullying and 80% that respond a certain way and 20% differentiated programming with 8% outside of that.
8. Student Council 3-5. Election in November. Current student council will remain as advisory board.

9. Student led conference Nov 2 and 3. Giving children voice, talk about strength, goals. Can also make separate appointment to discuss report card with teacher. 2nd year of implementation and school wide.
10. Character day: dress up as favorite story book character. No clowns b/c of news. No masks and no weapons and no make up.
11. PLP: Oct 28 first period and first one of the year. After Coffee with principal. After visit, Verdiner wants parents to share what they notice and Verdiner will share with the teachers.
12. Middle School for non TCCS families: composite requirement, character reference, academics. Will create rubric and rate them. Once 5th grade exhausted, seats will be open.
13. Progressive Discipline: different infractions and consequence (A-H). Show over time, you went thru ladder of intervention and consequence and they build up and you can ask for maximum consequence of student.
14. Middle School: Will ask if TCCS priority will continue after this year. Verdiner will ask.
15. Arts: Verdiner trying to incorporate art piece by piece for lower grade. 3-5 gearing for middle school.
16. iReady available until Nov. PA Board helped with purchase. Verdiner not sure she wants to renew. Only small pockets of parent

utilizing. We have technology in building(laptops) maybe this would increase use.

17. Christine Kovich found it ready useful. Hard for lower grades though. If your kids need extra help/push themselves useful tool. Used it in afterschool. If you are not at grade level, it doesn't keep up with kids maturity level. Verdiner not sure she wants to spend \$10K, looking into other programs.
18. Khan Academy another option and its free.
19. No School Student Conference 2nd Day
20. 3rd Grade teacher: actively pursuing. Ms. Sarabia seasoned teacher. Verdiner has demo lesson, but won't hire someone just to fill spot.
21. Sarabia had lots of plans for library. Verdiner hoping we get another 3rd grade teacher and will have transition period.
22. When will students have assessments? Math baseline done 2 weeks ago. Verdiner will do ready assessment 3-5 with same company. 2nd grade as well but not under simulated test environment. Will be done in Nov and again in Feb. Six to 8 weeks to assess progress. Verdiner worked with TC and Clubs. Scheduling done over summer and coordinated with after school/small groups.
23. Verdiner: stresses and gages student by their optimal best. Even for student council

will look at students' best: look at perseverance, grit, not just grade.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- a. Reporting slightly different. Listing original budget that was approved by last PA – sent to Chancellors office
- b. Use of extra funds from School Supply Drive undecided. Still staying with our current budget. It's a surplus.

V. Co-Presidents' Report

- a. Have been in meetings re: building expansion. Verdiner has been amazing pushing for the school.
- b. Respect workshop: We have budgeted for 2 workshops spring/fall. List of organizations to present to Verdiner. Full workshop for school and then workshop specific for girls/boys. Hope to have in place by Nov. Want to encourage positive behavior. In Verdiner newsletter discussed PBIS system. Encouraging positive behavior in students, not just when they do something wrong, but when they also do something right. They get ticket for positive behavior. Will have raffle to kick off program. They can cash in ticket for item. The ticket never gets taken away once they do something good. What we need from parents: we want fun things donated from parents. Need about ten items. Program is for all grades. (pokemon, shopkins)

- c. Field trips: Supplement for field trip. Contact Leona if student does not have funds and then she takes care of it. Teachers need hand in form/invoice for accounting.
- d. Chuck E. Cheese: spent \$1574.77, we get \$237. We will do it again. Manager can craft it for our school (pj night). RTS will bring students over to Chuck E Cheese. Not very chaotic for younger kids if you go at 3:00 pm. PA Board also looking into other non Chuck E. Cheese fundraising events (eg Dave & Busters, ice skating at Riverbank/Magic Johnson)
- e. Lost & Found: getting rid of stuff on consistent basis. We will build clothing rack with bins and wheels. Those items will be emptied every Friday.

VI. School Leadership Team Report

VII. Committee Updates

Ji Young Lee gave update. See update.

VIII. Old Business

a. Vote on Bylaw Amendments

- i. Vote taken. Unanimous. 26 votes
- ii. Take vote next month on adding Co-Treasurer

IX. New Business

Garden: Need parents to volunteer to take home harvest and cook couple of dishes for class. Each grade has specific vegetable.

X. Adjournment