

MINUTES FOR
PARENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING
February 28, 2017

- I. Call to order
- II. Reading and Approval of Minutes
- III. Principal's Report
 - a. Mathletics: 2-5th grade math program purchased called mathletics. Info will be sent to parents.
 - b. SLT had visit from district office and went over state progress report. Need to meet AYP. This is tied into test scores. Our school b/c % is high in opting out we don't meet AYP (accountability from state, public school providing appropriate free education). We had over 10% that opted out. Before that ELA disqualified. Need over 95% threshold, that tested. If we did we would have met the standard/goals. If that happens again this year, we will be put on plan by the State. Although parental decision for student to be tested, it will impact funding and whether we are assessed differently by the state. State could come in and tell us how we are going to measure our progress. You don't want to have state come in b/c we are progressive school and you do not want them to come in and give us certain requirements. Prin Verdiner

believes in assessment b/c its about equity and accountability.

- c. Proposal to keep students in building. We give DOE 1 year timeline to find us a building. Discussed plan and 3 points being proposed. If we stay in the building there will be sacrifices. There will be 6th Grade in building and Principal will need to do make space for them. They need a true 6th grade experience. May mean losing space. There are spaces being talked about behind the scenes.
- d. Worst case scenario: If we can't house 6-8th grade after a year, we cannot become a middle school. Maybe 6th would be phased out. Once TCCS a middle school, we get funding, but its student driven. If we stay in this building, we would technically not be a middle school. Tonight's vote will go through in terms of space allotted for next year, but doesn't mean proposal can't be changed. DOE taking into consideration all information received. Joint public hearing, public forum, calls all received by PEP.
- e. Senior Trip discussing with student council. Discussing dance, year book etc. Students need to follow requirements before they can go. Also will need dues, but Verdiner wants to make sure all kids can go.

IV. Treasurer's Report not available.

V. Co-Presidents' Report see below.

VI. School Leadership Team Report

VII. Committee Updates

- a. Instead of Winterfest, perhaps we can do a multi cultural day.
- b. Silent Auction – We need donations, specifically larger donations. Solicit vendors you already patronize. Buy tickets when website goes up
- c. Square 1 Art: Sign up sheet for parent volunteers for this Friday
- d. Spring Fling need volunteers

VIII. Old Business

a. Expansion/Co-Location Update

- i. Public & Community Forums Update
- ii. Contact DOE re: current EIS proposal
- iii. Review SLT & PA Exec Board Counter-Proposal
- iv. Parent Signatures needed for Counter-Proposal – Laurie will scan to all stakeholders after PA meeting. We have 12/13 pages of signatures. After, copies will be made and she will go to city council hearing about space planning downtown at cityhall. Starts at 10, but at 12 they start public hearing. Laurie will speak and explain what's been happening at TCCS. At PEP tonight, Laurie will hand out counterproposal which has been approved by SLT. Politicians also behind

this, Mark Levine, Gale Brewer. We are giving them 1 year cushion. Whatever happens tonight, we need to keep on DOE/space planning. They are keeping list of potential buildings, forward any ideas on space. Haven't heard anything on convent, ink building requires buildout, Union theological society, they have started building and expressed interest in having us there. For next year if we stay here, we will need to make compromises, but much less than splitting up school. Compromises: losing science lab, losing part of library. Verdiner has discussed maybe 5th grade in addition to 6th grade move around from classroom to classroom. Gives Verdiner chance to build middle school curriculum. 2nd part we do not expand 6th grade. Current DOE enrollment for middle school is open enrollment. SLT doesn't want this. We prefer a composite screening, review of attendance, behavior reports, testing and reports from teachers. We have built and est a curriculum that we want to continue. This will be part of next 10 months petition to DOE. Problem for us is that we would have to change our current requirement, which says nothing about requirements for admission. Parent

concern: if we have composite, could keep out current TCCS students from middle school.

- v. PEP Vote is on the EIS. Our term is not about co-location, but about splitting us up and not providing us space.
- vi. Christine Kovich there are space alternatives through TC, they have space.
- vii. PA Board looking into providing art next year. Researching outside providers, but is expensive. Can also provide art through afterschool.
- viii. Phase 3, need a counterproposal, put fire to brimstone with Nancy. If parents see space, let us know and we'll let politicians know.
- ix. If opting out of testing impacts funding for school then Verdiner/PA Board should let parents know.

IX. New Business

a. FC Harlem Soccer Proposal

- i. Vote taken and 11 voted yes, no one voted no.

b. 2nd Grade who lost mother and mom diagnosesd with leukemia. Just be aware.

X. Adjournment