



Date: June 5, 2013
Time: 4:30 – 5:30pm
Location: Conference Room

Agenda:
1. PTA Budget
2. Ashoka update
3. School Calendar

Attendees:

Lela Lee, parent representative
Henri Cooper, WTU building representative
Matthew O’Hara, parent representative
Carolyn Albert-Garvey, principal
Jennifer George, teacher representative
Valerie Jones, staff representative
Amy Weedon, PTA representative
Chantese Alston, parent representative

Absent:

Liz Paisner, parent representative
Elizabeth Nelson, community representative
Shirley Battle, teacher representative
Jeanette Perry, teacher representative

Next meeting:
September 11, 2013 @ 4:30pm

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Who?</i>	<i>By when?</i>
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New Members:

Parents: Amy Weedon, Lela Lee, Chantese Alston, Liz Paisner and Matthew O’Hara

Staff: Henri Cooper, Jennifer George, Valerie Jones, Shirley Battle, Lauren Conley, and Jeanette Perry

**Amy
Weedon**

PTA BUDGET

Reviewed the budget and discussed the new aide situation

- Grades 1-4 will share one aide per grade level
- Singapore Math materials to be purchased for grades K-1
(grade 2-5 materials have been purchased outside of PTA funds)

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ASHOKA –

- CAG attended the Ashoka forum
- focus on building empathy in our students in order to develop collaboration, and leadership
- looking for 5 staff members who would be willing to be change makers at the school to lead our school in this process.
- empathy tree: students/staff add leaves when they see others doing something empathetic or compassionate.
- Seeds of Empathy (piloted in 4th grade)*

-Laura Heiss has volunteered along with Elizabeth Nelson: This program deals with students learning empathy by watching a baby grow throughout the year and learning how to interact and handle a young baby.

-aligns with Responsive Classroom to build on continuing social and emotional development

-Mind Power For Children By John Kehoe

-book for parents and teachers

-Stand In My Shoes: Kids Learning about Empathy By: Bob Sornson

-maybe creating bins in classroom libraries focused around service and empathy

SCHOOL CALENDAR

CAG

-Is there anything that we may want to eliminate for next year?

-maybe changing the month/timing of Mathademics?

-Diversity Night needs more planning and communication for next year (maybe tying in the Ashoka empathy work in this committee. Also change until after the DC CAS)

-need to begin Spelling Bee earlier next year to follow Scripts (spelling lists need to be distributed well in advance)

-Homeless Awareness Month – pilot of student service group this year was successful. Our intentions is to expand to include more students in service projects next year.

-Possibilities for Next Year:

-Bring your parent to school day: (American Education Week - November) Parents go through the day with the students to see what it is like. (connect it to homeless awareness service projects)

-Cheat sheets for committee members/leaders in order to ensure proper and timely communication

To do for CAG:

-determine if we can petition to have LSAT members serve for 2 consecutive years