

KBCS PTA Board Meeting with Ms. Tarafa Meeting Minutes

Date: February 4, 2016 (Thursday)

Time: 8:00am

Location: Ms. Tarafa's office

Attendees:

Silvia Tarafa, School Principal

Johanna Guma-Aguiar, President

Kelly Lambert, VP

Anne Fifer, VP

Lili Warner, Corresponding Secretary

Carolina Raijen, Treasurer

Nancy Levitt Davis, VP

Deborah (KBCS Parent)

Minutes taken by Nancy Lewitt Davis.

Deborah (KBCS Parent) was there to discuss an upcoming legislative proposal re: changing recess requirements. Ms. Tarafa stated that MDCPS and KBCS are proactive about providing recess at a minimum with the current guidelines (2x week for 20 min OR 3x week for 15 min), and if changes to the guidelines are passed through legislation then KBCS will follow those. Ms. Tarafa explained some considerations with respect to holding a child from recess as a disciplinary action, and also how course/daily scheduling would be taken into account if requirements increased. It was agreed that the Parent Advocacy Committee would be given time on the upcoming PTA meeting agenda to present information about the proposed changes to Recess.

Carolina Raaijen presented the Financial Update. A copy of the Financial Statement is attached. Winterfest revenue was reported as net \$31,000, and all present agreed Winterfest was a great success financially and from a community-building perspective. The plan is to keep the event in January for the upcoming year, to begin sponsor conversations now, and to consider reducing the cost of the onsite activity bracelet and/or increasing the number of rides to reduce waiting time. Some of the funds raised were earmarked to be added to existing funds for playground improvements. Lili shared items that the Playground Committee had identified and is ready to place an order for, low climbing structures. All agreed. Further discussions around creating a box ball court, other improvements, and a student requesting a treehouse structure to be built on campus. More information is needed, PTA will do further research; Ms. Tarafa supports the treehouse idea.

Field Day - 855 t-shirts ordered to date. T shirts will be provided for all students, the PTA will purchase on behalf of those who are unable to. Middle School lunch will be pizza a drink and fruit, paid for onsite.

Upcoming PTA meeting date Feb 18 approved. Agenda to include information on Recess proposal, Committee updates, vote on Nominating Committee candidates, vote on use of PTA School of Excellence funds (\$2k), and budget approval.

Boosterthon, upcoming kick-off pep rally 845am on Feb 10. 2016-17 contract will be signed and a \$2k deposit paid. The new PTA Board has explicit right to cancel the contract and get refunded.

Talent Show, new Chairperson is needed. Dates at end of May were discussed, on or around May 24. 5th grade class trip timing to be considered. Discussion of splitting Talent Show into two parts to accommodate more participants and a larger audience. No decisions made until new Chair is identified.

Garden Committee proposed new lattice structures, Tarafa approved stating there must be enough space to access facility equipment. Further research needs to be done re: request to capture rainwater from gutter, so as not to damage or change structure of roof or gutter. A request was made to receive more/new mulch, existing mulch should first be dispersed. Recent improvements are resulting in the Garden getting more use from teachers and classrooms.

Cafeteria Committee ideas for improvement (using Winterfest funds) including paint, lighting, fans, flooring and tables were discussed. Tarafa supports work and timing of Spring Break. All work must be done by licensed and insured professionals, no specific subcontractors were mentioned but a few will be considered. Committee will do further research into costs of different improvements, and will decide on how to use funds for greatest impact.