

J.P. MANNING PARENT COUNCIL

November 14, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Introductions & icebreaker

- M&M Game

Treasurer update

- Let's say the Burger Slam raises \$15,000, which it could if we knock it out of the park (last year it raised \$12K, so \$15K is ambitious but possible). And let's say each of the "community building" events on the calendar raises \$1000. (Dance-a-Thon raised \$1500 but my understanding is that was an unusually large amount for one of these events, since kids bring in pledges. \$1000 may even be an overestimate since we're only charging \$10 per family and at the door and the cost of pizza has to come out of that.) There are 4 of them on the calendar for the remainder of the year so even with that probably-over generous estimate, $\$1000 \times 4 = \4000 .

\$15,000

+4,000

\$19,000

- Even if Red Sox, Laser Tag, Bertucci's, and West collectively raise an additional \$1,500, we're still quite a ways from \$26,218. I think the annual appeal has raised a few grand in the past, which gets us closer but still not there.
- I'm not even sure if \$26,218 includes the budget for Fun Day or Teacher Appreciation Day, so that number may in fact be higher.
- Click [HERE](#) for the potential events

Site Council update

- Discussed agenda, budgeting and floor plan. By-laws were presented, need to be reviewed. Continued discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Committee updates

- Looking for a Manning sub-website manager for 2019 (to be elected)
- Annual sub-website fees to be forecasted (included in the budget every year)
- Jen spoke with Boston Care (Hands At Work) - Discussed Manning needs - better lighting, welcoming signage, artwork, electronic status board and updated art room

By-laws

- George drafted by-laws - To be discussed and voted on
- Discuss conflict resolution (Article 6)
- Discussed adding a Social Media position

Review the parking lot for upcoming meetings (will be discussed in next month's meeting):

- Recess: should the Manning have a policy about whether recess can/should be withheld as punishment?
- Suggestion box
- Presentation from MSPCC about grandparent-guardians and foster parents
- Remote access to meetings?
- Anything else?
- Supplies budget for Ms. Leesa and other teachers - Ask Ms. Leesa what supplies are needed

Homework

- Parents expressed their opinions
- Research will be conducted on Pros and Cons and shared at our meetings
- Ethan will reach out to the Lincoln and Beethoven Schools to get feedback. Ethan will provide update on research during our next meeting
- Survey to parents later on in the year
- Teacher input

Expansion update (Mr. DB)

- School Committee meeting-Support Our Efforts To Expand, November 15
- If you would like additional information on what the expansion stuff is all about, drop us a line and/or stay tuned — more information coming soon.
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So, folks...what do we do?

- Should we/can we plan one more somewhat ambitious fundraiser, maybe not on the scale of the Burger Slam but with bigger fundraising goals than Bingo/Dance-a-Thon/etc?
- Should we/can we get a donation page up and running so folks can appeal to their families to make donations around the holidays?
- Other ideas?

