

**Manning Elementary
Parent Council Meeting
04/09/2019**

Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 9th, 2019, 6:30-8:00 pm (meeting #9 of school year)

In Attendance:

- Ethan d'Ablemont-Burnes, Principal
- Marty Mitchell, Inclusion Coordinator
- Beth Schwartzapfel: Co-chair (Emery 2nd, Aida K2)
- Malikka Williams: Co-chair (Malique 3rd)
- Amanda Lapham: Co-chair (Oscar 4th)
- Hez Norton: School Site Council (Nevaeh 3rd)
- Aimee Rives: Citywide parent council (Bo K2)
- Gabe Shapiro: Treasurer (Rosalee K1, Josie 1st)
- Victoria Woodward: Treasurer (Jasper 3rd, Linus 1st)
- Maura Tsongas: School Site Council (Nina K1, Declan K2)
- Carin Allen: Secretary (Anna 1st)
- Other parents: Rachel (Vivienne 1st, Hank 7th), Carol (Matilda 1st), Erin (KJ 2nd, Adora K1)

Thanks to everyone for coming!

Agenda:

- Principal's update, Mr. DB
 - Site Council report
 - Expansion report back and discussion
 - Citywide Parent Council update, Aimee
 - Treasurer & Fundraising update, Victoria/Gabe
 - Event's Calendar update, incl. Burger Slam
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Principal's Update (Mr. DB)

- School Site Council Update
- Thoughts on both short-term implications (this years' 5th graders (and what happen long term for this school; want to be sure that we aren't boxed into some decision that we don't want
- Accelerated timeline for 6th grade – for this coming year 2019/20
- Why?
 - 1- SPED-PAC meeting was effective. Carolyn Kain, head of SPED-PAC has been working hard to advocate for Special Need students throughout District
 - 2 – A complaint has been filed on behalf of a student or group of students, saying that their student is not being served by the district, that there is no pathway for Special Ed students, so the School District is needing to respond
- What this means
 - Mr. DB got call early April from Build BPS saying that we want to make this happen
 - They want to do a walkthrough of the Mary Lyon's School
 - WE can do something for this year's 5th graders, it would be: Your 5th graders (both EI and General Ed) could go to the Lyon for next year. Brighton, far out.
 - So, Mr. DB asked: why can't we do it within our own school?
 - Because we have agreed that there is an application process for school around JP, and they won't let us do that without (Though there are few schools in Dorchester and South Boston that are getting a 6th grade next year)
 - And possibly the NEXT year (2020/21) 6th grade class could come back to Manning.
 - Politics....
 - BPS might be just trying to answer the complaint
 - They've kind of backed us into a corner
- Where do we want to be in 5 years?
 - Per Build BPS: we are a buildable site
 - We have high test numbers
 - You would think why not expand HERE?
 - But what do we want our school to look like in a few years?
- What's our argument?
 - Say no
 - Thanks, you very much for this offer
 - We need time to think about this; we need to discuss as a community
 - This seems like not the right choice for us, these are our concerns
- Is there a timeline?
 - Mr. DB needs time to hire teachers (need to happen before June 1st)
- What do we need to do to prepare for this meeting?
 - If anyone has strong feelings about this, please call Mr. DB
 - Encourage families to be at meeting

Citywide Parent Council Update (Aimee)

- Petition from parent regarding greater transparency in Build BPS
- Boston Compact: a single office trying to bring together people from all school interests (Catholic, public, private) to talk about issues and make recommendations of how to improve
- A lot of talk about the bylaws

Fundraising Committee Update

- Check-in around the role of the fundraising committee, and what role does the committee play in say yay/no about these events
- **Idea to discuss in future: Communications Subcommittee**, to coordinate calendar and perhaps to standardize the event communications (what is fundraising, what is not)

Treasurer's Update (Victoria/Gabe)

- Trivia night did well! \$823
- Raised \$16K to date

Events / Calendar Update

- **Burger Slam:** Saturday May 18, 2019 (Erin is organizing)
 - We are behind on silent auction items
 - Go into your favorite restaurant and ask for gift cards
 - Need people to buy tickets, and donate items
 - Dessert bar: S'mores
- **Screenagers** Film viewing TBD (Amanda)
- **Spring Dance-A-Thon:** May 31, 2019. Dress to impress!
- **Teacher Appreciation Lunch:** Rachel Newton, Jess Loftus
- **Red Sox Night:** Friday, April 28, 2019