

**Manning Elementary
Parent Council Meeting
5/14/2019**

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 14th, 2019, 6:30-8:00 pm (meeting #10 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 Newton (Vivienne 1st, Hank 7th), Carol Quink (Matilda 1st), Erin Anadu (KJ 2nd, Adora K1)

Thanks to everyone for coming!

Agenda:

- Principal's update, Mr. DB
 - Site Council report
 - Citywide Parent Council update, Aimee
 - Treasurer & Fundraising update, Victoria/Gabe
 - Check in on upcoming events
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Principal's Update

- Update on expansion
 - Next Wednesday is the school committee meeting. We have gotten the head nod that we will be on the list of getting a 6th grade in 2020. On masse vote of this list, but we are hopeful.

- The Lion School is an option for next year for all 5th grade students (general ed, spec ed), but BTU is also still an option.
- For 2020 – hopefully we will have a 6th grade and won't need to send kids to Lion/BTU. No 6th grade for next year 2019.
- This is good news, definitely – but raises certain concerns: Manning is going to remain a single strand K-6. Mr. DB feels this could be limiting to us about what we do and how we do it. Community meeting next year? To decide where we want to go.
- The district has 40% of special ed kids in 'substantially separate' settings – this is a model shift across the district
- Next steps: have a full discussion next year about where we are going
- Other News
 - Appreciation for Teacher's Appreciation – thanks! It was much appreciated by the teachers.
 - Mr. Mitchell is retiring! Interviewing candidates. How to honor him? A campus project to organize something to for him.

Treasurer Update (Victoria/Gabe)

- Need to raise \$19,861 before end of year
- Got an annual appeal \$2000 check recently
- Idea for spring sing – flowerpots to drop \$\$\$ into
- Fun Day costs us \$1K, June 14th
- Dance-A-Thon: need to reschedule this due to Mr. Mitchell's retirement

Events / Calendar Update

- Fun Day: Malikka & one another parent will organize.
- Planting Day: May 30th. Every kid in school gets to help up on the grounds. Mr. Mitchell organizes this. Not a big parent-involved event.
- Field Day June 10th: Needs parent volunteers. Typically, men have volunteered for this, but Amanda wants to ask the 'other' parent in the household to volunteer!
- Art Night (June 12th): Needs parent volunteers to help hang paper. Charge for art night? Or just invite the neighborhood.
- Dance-a-thon: June 14th is the only date we can do it. Erin will ask Ms. Lubin if that works for her.

Fundraiser Update (Lisa, Erin)

- Burger Slam:
 - Ticket sales – up to 65-70 ticket. Cap is 200.
 - Need volunteers for the night.
 - Could use sides for 10-15 people.

- Will be a fun night!
- Bring your friends!!! Buy your tickets!!!
- Have gotten some \$\$\$ in sponsorships
- Price point for contributions for raffle basket? Give what you can give, it will all make a difference.
- Burger served 6:45 – 8:00. Announcements after that.