

Parent Teacher Partnership (PTP) Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2020

Drafter: Sam Jack (PTP Secretary)

Welcome Address (Jackie Kautzer - President): Ms. Kautzer said that parents have approached her in the past few weeks about getting involved with future events and volunteering to take on new committee positions as they become available. She encouraged continued engagement and that the PTP is successful because we have such strong family involvement.

Director's report (Mona Leigh Guha): Dr. Guha reminded attendees that UMD's Giving Day is on March 4, 2020. CYC is "highlighted" through the Department of Education and funding goes towards need-based scholarships. On Friday, the CYC had a professional development day, during which the teachers met with occupational therapist. CYC hosted its annual Visiting Day on Monday (2/17/20) and there was a large turnout.

Officer Updates: Megan Simpson (Vice President [J. Kautzer gave the report]); Sam Jack (Secretary) and Erin Hogan (Treasurer) gave brief updates. The PTP has ordered tie-dyed t-shirts with the phrase "littlest terps," which will be offered for sale to the CYC community as a fundraiser. A link to the fundraising/purchasing page is forthcoming and the community is encouraged to share the link with family and friends. T-shirts come in sizes youth x-small to 3 XL for adults. Once ordered, shirts will be delivered to the CYC for pick-up. As with last year, all orders must be placed in advance. The PTP explored printing other items -- mugs, bags, etc. - but the company can only do one similar item per fundraiser. Ms. Simpson was concerned that requiring separate fundraising pages (and therefore separate purchases/ transactions) would hinder sales, so the PTP Exec Board decided to stay with t-shirts. Mr. Jack noted that the last PTP meeting of the year will be on April 29, 2020, during which candidates for the 2020-2021 PTP positions may speak and be nominated.

PTP Board of Directors (Evan McDonald): The PTP Board of Directors has three new members, who will each serve two-year terms. New members will be appointed to two-year terms next year. The staggered terms will help provide continuity on the Board. Mr. McDonald noted that the Board continues to work on updating its organizing documents.

Historian (J. Kautzer for Erin Janulis): The historian is preparing to transfer files over to a new Google Drive from the current system, which is a shared folder. She has found that many of the flyers / forms / email announcements from events this year are not in the shared folder. She requested that community members who chaired an event from this year (past or upcoming) upload the documents to the shared folder or email them to her (ejanulis@umd.edu) by the end of next week (2/21/20). In particular, she solicited checklists and planning documents, as well as contact info for vendors or partners. The goal is to pass the knowledge gained planning this year's events down to next year's chairs.

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Major Fundraising (Stacy Siegel): It was reported that the February 11 fundraiser at Franklins was a success. There will be another fundraiser during the first week of March at IHOP. Additional information will be sent by email. For the May 16, 2020 end-of-year fundraiser, there has been a great response to the request for donations. There is still a need for volunteers, including volunteers to do activities with the children during the event.

Green Committee (Vera Wiest): Ms. Wiest said that the CYC had a meeting with auditors to confirm the building's silver LEED status. She said there has been a great response to Craig Beatty's Trash Free Tuesdays emails. She suggested that attendees at future PTP meetings be invited to bring water bottles with them to the meeting.

Book Fair (J. Kautzer for Lisa Hathaway): Ms. Hathaway will have an update on the profits from the Scholastic Book Fair in the next week or so.

Family Reads (Anne Daniel): The CYC is going through licensing, so there is a slight pause in restarting the program for the spring semester. Approximately 80 children finished the program in the Fall. Ms. Daniel reminded parents to submit children's book reports and sign-up to meet with her once they've completed a book.

Classroom Updates: **Red** (Lenea Stocker): There have been some changes in the teaching staff for the Red Room. The class is studying sewing. Ms. Stocker was impressed by how creative the teachers have been in designing activities around this topic. They have used grids, had a lesson from Ms. Daly on repairing buttons, and learned about different stitches from Ms. Hurst. The Red Room will take a field trip on Thursday, February 27, 2020 to Joanne Fabrics.

Orange (Susan Miller): During the first study, the children read and retold folktales, including *The Three Little Pigs*, *Three Billy Goats Gruff*, and *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. For each book, the class spent 2 weeks reading and acting out a traditional version of the story, and then reading other versions/retellings of each story and discussing differences/similarities. A field trip is planned next week to visit an English class taught by Sonja's dad, which will include a performance of a different version of Romeo & Juliet. The class will read *Rubio and Julienne: A Sweet and Cheesy Tale* by Dan Paley before they see the performance. Teachers are working with the students to decide their next study.

Yellow (Hillary Sazama): The Yellow Room finished its study of flying vehicles. The class saw a helicopter, visited Tipton Airport, and mapped where they have taken an airplane or would like to take an airplane. The class made a Venn diagram comparing different types of vehicles.

Green (Sam Jack for Christina Jack): The Green Room completed its baking study. The children came up with recipes, which were compiled in the Green Room Recipe Book (Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. Person noted that parents should not attempt to follow any of the recipes). The Green Room is now working on a study about storytelling. They have been developing stories as a group using found objects. Recent stories have been about a boy named Jimmy who takes adventures in the woods.

Blue: The Blue Room is working on making sentences, using punctuation, etc.

Purple: The Purple Room is studying tools. They have categorized them by features and differences (e.g., flathead vs.

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Phillips head screwdrivers). Several of the children highlighted their fathers' and grandfathers' use of tools, which spurred a discussion of women using tools and there will be a visit from one child's mother and grandmother to talk about tool use. They have also been discussing tool safety and have taken on various repair jobs. They will take a field trip to Ace Hardware next week.

Community Discussion: Ms. Kautzer thanked the CYC community for completing the PTP Executive Board's survey on how to spend some of the PTP's budget surplus in ways that will benefit the CYC. There were 86 responses overall. With a count of 61 votes, there was strong support for purchasing new bicycle equipment for the play yard. Ms. Simpson has worked with Mrs. Wiest to determine what was needed, and she placed an order for four new balance bikes for the play yard, plus some roller racers that will belong to classrooms for their more supervised use. There was a brief discussion of whether the children would be required to wear helmets. Dr. Guha said that - because of the types of bikes purchased - there was not a requirement for children to wear helmets, although there were concerns expressed about whether this would result in children not wearing helmets in other settings.

As mentioned at prior PTP meetings, the PTP is also working on purchasing interactive globes for the classrooms.

Ms. Kautzer said that the PTP could spend a total of \$4,000 this year, while still keeping enough in savings to cover the operating budget for this year and next year. After the bike, scooter, and globe purchases, the PTP likely have about \$1,000 left to spend, and the PTP Executive Board plans to divide these funds among the classrooms for the teachers to use as needed, which was a suggestion that came up a number of times in the survey.

Ms. Kautzer noted that, overall, spending this money has not depleted the PTP's funds, and thanks to the hard work of our major fundraising team, the PTP expects to bring in more funds at the end of this year. Accordingly, attendees were encouraged to come forward with additional ideas for things the PTP could do with its funding.

Close of Meeting.