

PSCO Meeting Minutes-May 28, 2015

Budget Report

Lisa reported that the budget is in good shape, with \$10,766 in available funds (minus the \$3,753 in the restricted scholarship account). Major recent outlays include \$631 for Movie Night and \$423 for Teacher Appreciation Week. Concession sales are likely to recoup the cost for Movie Night. Teacher Appreciation was budgeted for \$850, so it was well under budget. The Spring Dance also brought in more than expected, with a profit of \$592. For more information, see the April/May Consolidated Treasurer's Report.

Recent Events

Thanks to Michele Kuhn and others for the successful **Spring Dance**—much fun was had. Thanks also go to Mossi Tull and others who assisted with **Teacher Appreciation Week** for a great series of events and goodies to celebrate our children's educators.

Nat also reported that **Strawberries and Greens**—the food tasting day, was a big success. The **garden planting** also went well, with many volunteers from City Blossoms and from West. Volunteers can continue to be involved with the garden over the summer by joining the watering and harvesting sessions from 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Thursday and Sunday evenings.

West Movie Night (formerly "Screen on the Green") June 12, 8:00

Marcus King, chair for the event, reported. We will show *Night at the Museum III*. Concessions will include glow sticks, popcorn, and drinks. Volunteer help will be needed with concession sales, crowd wrangling, and clean-up help. Contact Marcus at mdking@gwu.edu to volunteer.

Elections

Thank you to our nominees: President—Josh Hertzberg for president, Vice-President—Nat Gillespie and Nicole Burroughs-Noel, Treasurer—Lisa Jackson, Secretary—Sara Markle-Elder and Jessica (Jess) Marcella. Josh, Nat, Lisa, and Sara were re-elected. Jess discussed her willingness to chair the Outreach and Communications Committee. Ms. Tekiah Brabham, kindergarten teacher at West was elected Staff Representative and Pamela Colbert was elected Community Representative.

Discussion on Renovation

Despite being ranked as the school 3rd most worthy of renovation by the Education Committee of the DC Council, no action was taken by the Education Committee or the Council to move West renovation earlier. Therefore, the mayor's proposal to start design in FY19 and construction in FY20 and FY21 looks like it will stand. Several parents are still working with our newly elected Councilmember, Brandon Todd, to help improve the situation. No path forward has been identified yet.

Principal Selection Process

DCPS has a process for giving parents, staff, and the community an opportunity to be part of the principal selection process. A meeting was held on May 14 to elect three parents, four staff

members, and two community members and alternates who will interview three principal candidates on June 2. DCPS selects a few candidates—who have already been through an interview process. The panel sets questions in advance and ranks the candidates. We hope for a reasonably fast resolution.

Farewell Party for Principal Caruthers

The party will be held on June 5. Ms. Paige is coordinating with assistance from Carrie Tiller, Lisa Jackson, Sara Markle, Elaine Menotti and others.

Upcoming PSCO Meetings

The PSCO will hold a meeting in July, date TBA. Look for announcements of Outreach and Communications committee meetings, playdates for early childhood, and “Welcome to West” events.