



Ross Elementary School
PTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 11th, 2018, 5:30 p.m.

In attendance:

Nora Rigby, President | Matt Adinolfi, Treasurer | Kate Gardner, Secretary | Debra Olson, At-Large Member, Upper Grades | Shanti Sale, At-Large Member, Lower Grades | Holly Searl, Principal

• **Welcome**

o President Rigby called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. and welcomed the Board. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the December 7th, 2017 Board Meeting.

• **Financial Update**

o Treasurer Adinolfi presented the Ross School PTA Statement of Activity from June - December, 2017. The Board discussed Tree Sale Expenditures and Revenue, with a net of \$15,000, including Bake Sale profit. The Board also discussed expenditures in the instructional materials and supplies category versus office/classroom supplies. Treasurer Adinolfi confirmed that he is looking into switching our tax year to run from July 1 - June 30.

• **Flood Update**

o Principal Searl reports that the DGS crew has been coming in after students depart to open ceilings in affected rooms for repair and will air out the building over the weekend. She informed the Board that Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) testing will take place both today and tomorrow, and again when DGS is finished to ensure our learning environments are free of potential air hazards. The Board discussed ongoing HVAC issues and Principal Searl communicated that she has been working closely with Doug Hollis, Deputy Chief, School Operations, who has been accessible and supportive.

• **February Bingo Night**

o Lower School Representative Sale informed the Board that the JCC gym has been reserved for the evening of February 1st from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. with pizza to be ordered from Ducini's. The K/1 Room Parents will be asked to recruit parent volunteers to set up and break down and Lower School Representative Sale confirmed that she will order Bingo materials and prizes.

• **Field Update**

o After discussion of materials and infill options, and given that DGS is developing policy and safety criteria due to the Council in May, the Board agreed to wait until Summer to replace our field with recommended materials.



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- **Stead Park Recreation Center Renovation Update**

- o The Board discussed the upcoming updates and expansion of Stead Recreation Center. Noting the early stage of the exploration, President Rigby announced that she, in addition to the LSAT and school administration, will notify the school community of the possibility of using the space for art and music classes, indoor gym, and/or meeting space, once the renovations are complete in Fall, 2019.

- **Announcements**

- o The Board discussed agenda items for the 7 February General PTA Meeting to include an outside speaker to address online safety for kids, as well as the DCPS budget, and Auction news.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Adjournment: The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 1st at 8:45 am.

MEETING MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY KATE GARDNER, SECRETARY