

Mason Rice PTO Board Minutes

09/15/2011

Attendees: May Chiu, Julia Hamilton, Sun woo Kahn, Jordana Alford, Rachel Segall, Susan Kern, Jennifer Dirga, Alicia Bowman, Matt Whitney, Courtney Cole, Laura, McTaggart Frieda Dweck, Rhanna Kidwell , Kathy Drake, Kia Freeman, Liz Blumberg

Playground Update - Kim Thurmond

Supplies are being delivered this morning and will begin unloading. All is on track for the weekend community build.

Vote on New Board Member - May Chiu

Voted to approve Courtney Cole as a board member to replace James Glanville whose child is not attending Mason Rice this year.

Year -End Survey and Actions Review - May Chiu

Dues Status - So far 1/3 of the number participating from last year, but we are already over our budget amount as the dues amount per person are higher.

Some feedback - will assess at end of Sept. about which fundraisers we will do throughout the year.

Some negative comments back on the increased ask amount - not sure of the effect on the new families and overall culture at Mason-Rice.

Per Mark Springer increased ask for discretionary funds - This has been about \$19 of the budget.

Bulk Supplies for Classroom Proposal

Last Spring an initiative was started to address the continual ask for tissues, papertowels, etc. for classrooms. Teacher's agreed to use soap and sanitizers provided by the school, but would like to consolidate the bulk paper and tissue requests. It is not part of the PTO budget, but ends up as a request to parents from the classroom teachers. The Initiative proposes that PTO would provide up to \$2000 for bulk order paper towels, tissues, wipes. We will revisit non-equity areas in the budget to fund this program. The Proposal that the PTO fund this from the existing budget will be addressed in our October meeting.

Budget Discussion - May

Will discuss in the next board meeting.