

PTO Leadership Council Meeting
February 6, 2018: 5:30 pm

LC Attendees: Matt Menne, Pepi Acebo, Jessica Blunden, Rhonda Sizemore, Joan Pinegar, Jess Danelian, Brooks Flanders

Inside Out Project (Brooks / Rhea Keller):

- Brooks sent out website to the LC ahead of meeting (<http://www.insideoutproject.net/en>)
- Rhea described the premise of the project. Started in 2011, supposed to go for 1 year, still ongoing.
- Posters are black and white, posted on walls. Size: 3' x 5'. Can last years or be power washed off.
- Doesn't matter what kind of wall, e.g., done on historical bldgs.
- Projects have been done all over the world.
- Gives kids ownership over the murals.
- Water soluble paste, gluing part is really fun for kids. For gluing purposes, want it to be warm and sunny.
- Take photos and send to New York for them to print – sliding scale, pay what you can-type model.
- Suggestion that it could be on other buildings. Maybe kids petition city hall?
- Kids decide who would be represented?
- Rhea would be glad to facilitate but would need school involvement to also facilitate.
- Aside: Rhea would be happy to be involved with Stumptown Project in general, taking photos, providing video equipment etc. Matt notes that plan is for 5th graders would interview. Open to other grades participating. Should have teachers decide so as not to impede on instruction time. Getting started with this project this month – just getting schedules set.

Garden Updates (Stephen Wyda / Joan Pinegar):

- Shade sail: Steve showed model of hyperbolic shade sail. Model is 1:10 ratio. Roundtree design/building this.
 - Location: will be in area next to garden by playground. Classroom will fit underneath.
 - Received funding in December.
 - Need to engage formally to design project.
 - Once drawing are done, needs permitting.
 - \$5,200, labor is donated.
- Shed: Wilson Architects designed (Dickson parents)
 - Slab on grade – concrete slab
 - One window on each side
 - Putting together permit drawings, few more weeks needed. Then city will need to approve

- Unsure who will do the actual construction. It was noted that (at least) a couple of Dickson parents are contractors, green roof parents here as well.
- Location: on edge of playground by fence, so as not to obstruct, but still accessible.
- Will have rain barrel.
- Budget is \$10,000.
- AB Tech folks may be interested in doing this – same folks that did the cobb oven roof.
- Garden team meets once per month. PTO is supportive of decisions made by team. Garden Team welcomes a PTO rep to attend their monthly meetings – 2nd Tuesday each month.
- Putting in 7 long beds in Grade 3-5 garden. Garden work days every 1st and 3rd Saturdays. Teachers will encourage parents to attend next work day.
- Someone from Garden Team will come and talk at next general PTO meeting.

Hot Chocolate Race (Leslie Grotenhuis):

- Leslie has three year agreement to 2021. Given to Matt, along with final check.
 - Pepi moves that we recommends that we discuss/present at next general meeting to sign 3-yr contract. Motioned seconded. Unanimous “ayes”
- Discussed options to engage volunteers. For example, could make certain volunteer positions for specific grades and portion of funds could go to that grade. This way, people would always know what grade does what.
- Will put info together so teachers can pass out at beginning of the year.
- One person should be the designated point person to work out the logistics with Leslie. **ACTION:** find that point person [and more people to take on this role (as a committee?)]

Project Recess Discussions (All)

- Should bring to this to general membership before endorsing. **ACTION:** do this at next PTO meeting.

Conundrum Partnership (Pepi / Nick Timmons)

- Pepi introduced Nick and broadly described the conundrum concept.
- Nick is interested in field trip option (conundrum puzzle); how to write a puzzle; how to create the event itself. Game-based learning, or “learning by doing”.
- Nick designs games/puzzles to help people explore deep topics – designs experiences
- “Kidnundrum” is for kids. Currently for 8-14 yr olds. Goes for 100% success rate in solving puzzles.
- Would like to see about creating something at Conundrum that could be incorporated into a learning experience at Isaac Dickson. Some thoughts:
 - Some teachers may not be familiar, maybe have an open house for teachers?
 - Field trip opportunity. Conundrum is located nearby in Battery Park bldg. However, getting permission for field trips is currently not a simple thing to do.

- Has “portable pirate ship” for games. Could bring to school so various classrooms could visit, then decide if/how to move forward.
- Would be best to bring it here, but experience would be richer if it was there.
- Rhonda offered to be point person to try to set something up.
- Quest to Learn website gives idea about puzzles.

Art Project Update (Matt)

- Motion made and seconded for Matt to provide up to \$600 for “mobilization pay” to Ernie Mapp (and Daniel Suber if necessary) for his time to attend initial meetings and discussions prior to start of project. Unanimous “ayes”. He has had to rearrange his work schedule to accommodate these times.

Other Business

- None

Meeting Adjourned

Next PTO LC meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 @ 5:30 pm