

## **Parent Advisory Council (PAC) & PTA Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2019

Time: 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM

### Total Present: 30

Mary Peer, Kim Nelson, Mandy Bevacqua, Lynda Gibson, Stacy Birney, Scott Birney, Megan Trinter, Nameer Al Ali, Sarah Myers, Whitney Norris, Patricia Hernandez, Yanet Alvarez, Andrea del Cuadro, Anne Patel, Lauren Gonzalez, Rachida Dini, Judy Edstrom, Yalil Nieves, Kathleen Hurley, Lilian Illescas, Iffat Saeed, Vaheeda Shaikh, Kristen Hunter, Catherine Korda, Barbara Nordlund, Carmen Karnuth, Reema Surgit

Peterson Admin & Staff Present: Assistant Principal Yalil Nieves & STEM Teacher Kathleen Hurley

### **There were 6 key agenda items for this meeting:**

1. Review of local summer activities
2. Albany Park Library Information
3. Parties & Experiences from FOP
4. Voting/Approval of new PTA budget and officers
5. Getting Involved in 2019-2020
6. Book swap

### **details for all agenda items are provided below**

- The call to order and welcome was completed by PAC President, Catherine Korda and PTA President, Megan Trinter.
- A Summer Activities Guide, created by Mandy Bevacqua, was distributed to all parents. The guide includes a range of activities such as free and low cost summer programs provided by the public library branches, activities at local park districts, camps provided by Northeastern and North Park Universities, and activities at different museums.
- Information was presented about programs offered at the Albany Park branch (and other Chicago Public libraries). Flyers which includes information about events, the summer learning challenge, annual field trip, and teen book club were distributed. There is usually a need for teen volunteers to help during the summer. Volunteers can receive service learning hours and would be expected to volunteer for 15-20 over 11 weeks. All information is available on the Chicago Public Library website.
- Friends of Peterson Chair, Catherine Korda provided an update on Beers for Books and other FOP activities. More than \$50,000 was raised for the school during the Beer for Books event. There are 4 “parties and experiences” activities that are still available (2 for adults and 2 for kids). Kid options are a trip to field museum (\$50) and outdoor movie and snacks with a Peterson teacher and parent (\$20). Adult options are basketball with Mr. Caban and Mr. Deters (\$20) and last option is a comedy show (\$25).

- The review of the PTA budget was completed by treasurer Maria Ciccone. Key changes made include a goal of 100 members in the PTA and an increase in apparel sales by starting online sales. The funds allotted for book fair, international night, and dance-a-thon will stay the same, with some proceeds of still DAT going to Friends of Peterson. The expected amount from boxtops decreased in the budget due to changes in boxtops program, which includes electronic scanning of receipts instead of cutting out and submitting boxtops. \$800 will remain budgeted for educator appreciation week. The funds allotted for the career fair was increased to support lunch for volunteers. Funds also increased for student teams such as safety patrol due to higher student involvement. Copies of the budget were distributed to parents and a successful vote was completed for approval of the 2019-2020 budget.
- Votes and approval were also done for the 2019-2020 PTA officers. The 2-year term executive board officers for the upcoming school year will be: President – Reema Surgit, Vice Presidents - Carmen Karnuth and Kristen Hunter, Secretary – Whitney Norris, and Treasurer - Maria Ciccone
- Parents are needed for several activities in the upcoming school year. Volunteers are needed for: kindergarten picnic (8/22 at 4PM), welcome back picnic and volunteer drive (8/29 at 4:30PM), and the international night committee. Parents are also needed to fill open PAC officer positions. If interested in becoming a PAC officer, parents should contact Catherine Korda.
- Families were encouraged to bring old/unwanted books for all ages to swap with others.
- Upcoming Events:
 

6/13 5:30PM	CIWP Presentation
6/13 6:30PM	LSC Meeting
6/20 9AM	Volunteer Recognition Event
6/14 10AM	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation; procession in Peterson hallways is at 9:30
6/16 10AM-2PM	North Park Community Mark in Peterson parking lot
6/20	Last day of school

*ESEA Title I Part A Funds were used to support this activity.*