John Hay Partners/Foundation Board Meeting
Minutes
January 19, 2017

The meeting was opened by Colleen LaMotte and called to order at 5:00 PM on Thursday, January 19, 2017.

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<td>Guests: Steven Klein, Aaron Edwards, Melissa Heaton, Jen Simonic, Lisa Reibin Evans</td>
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Introductions

Board Updates – Colleen LaMotte
- Zeina Abouammo resigned from her position as John Hay Partners Board Co-Chair

Motion to remove Zeina Abouammo from the John Hay Partner’s Board and from the John Hay Public School Foundation Board was submitted, all members voted in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed.

Motion to add Joe Tighe to the John Hay Public School Foundation Board banking account submitted, all members voted in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed.
Auction Update – Melissa Heaton
- The auction is now three weeks away
- Metrics Update
  - Procurement outlook is optimistic
    - The auction generally has 30 big packages to auction off and the current count of items is at 30
    - The meeting with the auctioneer to outline plans for the auction went well
    - Normally there are 50 items for the silent auction, we’re currently at 43 and are looking to pick up more soon
  - Bidding For Good (BFG), also known as the On-Line auction will go live January 1 – February 9.
    - BFG currently has about 200 items available
- Business outreach is going well and businesses are responding with items
- Outreach to John Hay families to request auction items should be increased
- Classroom Baskets are due Friday, January 20th
- Classroom Art Projects are due Friday, January 20th
  - Art Projects are due to be set up at the 5-Spot for display February 6th
- Teacher Experiences are due
  - Most of the teacher experiences have been submitted and working on the final three
- RSVPs for the auction are coming along
  - Not all the tables are full and not all the checks have been submitted, so more work is needed
  - Goal is to get all 30 tables filled - currently 28 tables filled
- Auction catalogue is 80% complete
  - Goes to the Printer on February 1st
  - PDF of the catalogue will be posted to the John Hay website
- Area where help is needed:
  - Wine – goal is to have 200 bottles valued between $20-$40
    - We currently have 50
  - Dessert sign ups needed
  - Day of Event volunteers needed for two shifts:
    - Set up from 8am-2pm
    - Clean up from 10pm-12pm

Budget Update – Joseph Tighe
- Attended the district budget short fall meeting
  - Seattle Public Schools Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance, JoLynn Berge presented
    - Seattle Public Schools is currently facing a $75 million budget shortfall
      - Note: 50% of the shortfall is for unfunded programs negotiated during the teacher’s strike
  - $35 million in funds are due from the Washington State Legislature
    - School finance funds are currently being used as a political negotiating tool
    - The funds may not come available before school districts will be required to lay off a substantial portion of staff
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- Washington State Senator, Reuven Carlyle, is willing to speak to the John Hay community about the budget negotiations at the Washington State Legislature and give updates

- John Hay Partner’s Board Budget Update:
  - Last bill for 2015/16 budget received
    - Projected higher costs than the original grant due to previous bills that were higher than expected, but the final bill came and the grant remained on budget

Principal Update - Tami Beach

- On February 11th John Hay Elementary will receive budget shortfall information, and learn how it will affect our school
  - John Hay Elementary will need to make a plan for what will happen if the Washington State Legislature does not fully fund education
    - Projecting 1-2 teachers will be displaced and moved to a different building
      - Class sizes will go up
        - Vice Principal position will be lost
        - Counselor position will be lost
  - If the education funding comes through sometime in June/July schools will have to make a second plan for what they would need back after budget is funded

- Next Steps
  - Work on Kindergarten enrollment – all new students enrolled before February 11th will help with funding issues
  - Reach out to Queen Anne Elementary families who are considering switching to John Hay Elementary due to the upcoming remodel of Queen Anne Elementary

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO aka Board) vs Parent Teacher Association (PTA) – Jen Simonic

- At the previous meeting questions about whether to remain a PTO (aka John Hay Partner’s Board) or to transfer to a PTA were brought up

- What does it mean to be a PTA?
  - PTAs must charge each member $9 annually to participate in the PTA
    - The PTA Association recommends charging an additional fee to raise money for the school
  - Issue: Money raised by PTAs cannot be used during the school day

- What does it mean to be a PTO?
  - The John Hay Public School Foundation Board (aka PTO) has the ability to raise money to fund teachers and other staff to support students
    - Board Funded positions are one of the reasons John Hay has a literacy rate of 97% for all students by 3rd grade
  - John Hay Public School Foundation Board (aka PTO) is able to host an auction to benefit the school and all proceeds are tax free
  - Why does John Hay Partner’s Board host closed sessions?
    - Closed sessions are due to privacy concerns for teachers since the board funds teacher positions and salaries

- How can we encourage parent participation at John Hay Elementary and at Board Meetings?
  - Reminders/invitations to upcoming board meetings can be sent out prior to the meetings via Jaguar Tracks, posts to the John Hay website and on John Hay’s Facebook page
Add parent meetings about areas of concern for the John Hay community in alternating meetings
1st meeting of the year could be devoted to educating parents how the John Hay Partners Board works and how parents can participate
  - Include state of the school information: number of students enrolled, show where money raised is being spent and show how the school and board support students
Record meetings for future viewing
Create an information campaign on Facebook and the John Hay Website to encourage parents to participate
Schedule social time after the meetings to encourage parents to socialize and continue to talk about issues that are important to them

Community Update – Aaron Edwards
- Aaron Edwards is a Foster Parent Ambassador whose goal is to help families become foster parents
- John Hay should continue its social responsibility movement John Hay CARES
  - Provides opportunity to educate students how they can give back to their communities
  - A month could be dedicated to giving back to our community
    - Hold a separate meeting for parents to outline John Hay’s commitment to our community

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Bayne, Secretary

2016-17 Meeting Schedule

February 16th
March 16th
March 23rd Vote on Grant Request
April 20th
May 18th
June 15th