The meeting was opened by Sarah Holt and Lee Scovern and called to order at 5:30 PM on Thursday, September 18, 2014.

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**Muti-Arts Overview - Rachel Nelson-Knecht**

- **PERFORMANCE**
  
  John Hay’s Multi-Arts instructor, Ms. Nelson-Knecht, thanked the board for funds to purchase new risers for the stage and high quality xylophones that will outlast us all with proper care.

- Every grade-level will have an opportunity to perform this year.
  
  - Kindergarteners will dance for their families in the spring.
  - 1st graders will present mini storybook musicals.
  - 2nd grade will perform in a percussion ensemble (using xylophones).
  - 3rd & 4th graders will have 8 weeks of recorder lessons. They will learn 4 songs and, along with students from other schools, perform in McCaw Hall with the Seattle Symphony.
  - 5th graders will create and perform in a play.
Ms. Nelson-Knecht met with Lee and Sarah on Wednesday. Their vision for Multi-Arts at John Hay is well-aligned with hers. Her vision for the Multi Arts program is to provide an equitable, challenging, and fun arts education for all of John Hay’s students. Details can be found on the [Multi-Arts page](#) of John Hay’s web site.

She is happy that students will occasionally have extra time to finish art projects in their classrooms with assistance from teachers and HAT (Hay Arts Team) volunteers.

**Q & A**

Her question to the Partners Board: What did her art-teacher predecessors do well? What do we think the parent community needs from her? Responses below:

- It would be helpful for parents to hear from Ms. Nelson-Knecht directly on Curriculum Night as part of Ms. Hanson’s remarks or by joining the HAT table and talking with parents about her Multi-Arts Curriculum guide.
- Post Multi-Arts updates to the Partners blog periodically

**Introductions**

**Principal’s Updates:** Ms. Hanson was absent

**Events Updates**

- **Moveathon Update - Lee**

  This is Brandi Black’s last year as chair of the Moveathon. Amy Omenn is shadowing her and will be next year’s lead. Lee suggested everyone train their successor if they expect to change roles next year.

  Students will be introduced to this year’s Moveathon at an assembly on 9/26. The running schedule was approved and will be shared with staff next week. $2,250 in sponsorship money has been raised to date. The goal is to cover the $4,500 cost of the t-shirts. This year’s theme is “It’s Go Time”. The fundraising goal is $70K. The Moveathon team is going to push for more online donations. A suggestion was made to remind donors that cash and checks are preferred because credit card processing fees add up.

- **Hoops - Lee**

  This year’s Hoops tournament will be on 11/6 & 11/7. It will be advertised to parents in an October bulletin. Sign-ups will begin on or after the Moveathon. Last year 42 teams participated at $15 per person. This year the price will be $20 ($80 per team of 4). Lee is going to recruit 4-5 more coaches from the community center league to teach basketball fundamentals to younger kids who are new to the sport.
• **Dance US Hay - Krysia**

  This will be Krysia’s 4th and last year as our Dance US Hay chair. She is looking for an apprentice to learn the ropes and oversee this popular event going forward.

• **Playground Steering Committee - Lee**

  The first step is to build steering committee. It will come together this fall. So far Carmen and Lee are heading it. He has a landscape architect and Mr. Sturm on board. Need 3-4 others. A Civil engineer would be helpful. Chad Monson is excited to participate and his mom is an experienced grant writer. February is the next deadline for a grant. Work on the application should begin in November.

• **Carnival Debrief (Carmen)**

  Meg Pitts, Dina Ringer, Kelsey Greeson, Mary Ellen Kennedy, and Jenna Warburton were key members of the team. They were surprised and happy with the event’s high attendance. The goal was a revenue-neutral community outreach event, but revenue exceeded expenses by close to $6k. Next year there will be more food trucks and more games.

  Homework for the board: find people willing to build games next year to reduce game-rental expenses.

  Please share any other ideas/feedback with Carmen no matter how minor it seems.

• **Parent Education Night (PEN) 9/16 Debrief (Colleen)**

  Re-scheduled for 9/22.

• **Parent Education Funds Request:** Vote (10 min)

  Colleen requested $1,565 to fund this year’s Parent Education Night speakers and event childcare. The motion passed.

**Committee Chair Reports/Goals for the year**

• **Co-Chairs (Sarah & Lee)**
  
  ○ Support members and contribute toward their success.
  
  ○ Build community and create a comfortable environment for families.
  
  ○ Capture institutional knowledge and specific instructions from departing board members and other volunteers to ease transitions when roles change.

• **Outreach (Colleen)**
  
  ○ Successfully recruit volunteers.
  
  ○ Pass on spirit wear to someone else.
- See a big Partners Board presence at curriculum night.

- **Policy (Brooke)**
  - Has started the process of recruiting a couple people for her committee because she can’t attend all meetings and school board member coffee-chats on her own.
  - Once a month she would like to post content to the blog regarding policy issues, including common core.

- **Fundraising (Carmen & Mary Ellen)**
  - Primary goal is to stay the course because the system is working. Will stick with two large fundraisers per year (Moveathon and Auction).
  - Dine for John Hay will take place every other month this year.
  - Considering a mom’s night out around Christmas (12/4) at the Glassy Baby factory.
  - Spring 5K run may not happen – Lee will only consider it if parents from Coe and Queen Anne Elementary participate more this year.
  - Carmen needs someone to take over online auction this year.
  - Other fundraising ideas discussed: wrapping paper sales, holiday wreath sales, talent show, Spring book-swap and sale to support John Hay library.

- **Communications - Dell**
  - Dell shared a copy of the table she uses to schedule web site updates. Each entry is categorized by committee or topic and sorted by its to-be-published date. If you are submitting content to Dell, she needs it 3-5 days before its publish date. Do not ask her to post information to the web site at the last minute.
  - The district’s John Hay web site is often inaccessible to Dell when she has time sensitive information to post. Therefore, it is essential that the Partners web site be easy to find via search engine results. The best way to ensure this is to update the Partners web site regularly with fresh content. Our job is to send Dell ANYTHING worth sharing with the John Hay community.

- **Curriculum Enrichment - Olivia**
  - Enrollment in before & after school enrichment classes is underway. Olivia is still working through a few kinks. K/1 students are signing up en masse. Mr. Sturm wants to expand his sports program. He wants every student to find an athletic activity they enjoy.
○ As of September 12th all the classes were at or near capacity except for Debate, Kids Create and the older student drama class.

○ Her goal is to observe each class and utilize the weekly bulletin to provide updates to John Hay families.

● Family Engagement - Aniki

○ Will reach out to ALL families (new and returning). Will attend Family Engagement Action Team meetings to find out how that’s going.

○ Letter going out to new families tomorrow in red folder. A meet & greet for 2nd-5th grade families is scheduled for 9/25 and will be repeated in the spring. Classroom buddies will be assigned to incoming families throughout the year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Joanna Mattson