John Hay Partners/Foundation Board Meeting
Minutes
January 21, 2016, 5:30pm

The meeting was opened by Olivia Northcott Johnson and Colleen LaMotte and called to order at 5:30 PM on Thursday, January 21, 2016.

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Introductions

Principal Update - Tami Beach

- 2016-2017 CLASS SIZE ESTIMATES
  Principal Beach shared preliminary class size numbers for next year based on information from the district. The district expects the state to fully fund full-day kindergarten in ALL elementary buildings as it moves toward fulfilling its mandate to fully fund education as required by the McCleary decision by Washington’s Supreme Court.


  The teacher/student ratios for Special Education will stay the same at 18 to 1 for Resource level support and 10 to 1 for Access level support

- GRANT REQUEST PLANNING
  The BLT (Building Leadership Team) is creating a sub-committee whose focus will be
gathering information to assist in the development of the 2016-2017 budget request (i.e. the funds granted to John Hay by the John Hay Foundation). Due to the current budget constraints, the new grant request will be significantly lower than the 2015-2016 grant.

- **MISC.**
  1. Mr. Schmidt is on extended leave for an unknown period of time.
  2. Regarding the district announcement that child care programs may lose their space in some schools, the district has not shared the names of the building(s) that will be impacted. Based on history, it looks like we’ll have the same number of classroom teachers next year as we have this year.
  3. All parents are invited to meet with Principal Beach and Vice Principal Berkenwald on Friday mornings at 9:30 for coffee and conversation.

**Kathleen Brose - Administrative Secretary**

Kathleen presented a summary of the office staff’s current job descriptions, including how their work is currently divided between herself, Erin and Jennifer. She also shared that hourly staff are not allowed to access the school’s PowerSchool system so John Hay is best served if all office staff continue to be at least .5 FTE employees of the district.

**Treasurer Update - Olivia for Krysia**

- The Moveathon raised $43,000, including corporate matching. This is $20,000 less than last year.
- The Glassybaby party raised $1000 less than expected.
- Upcoming events that will also raise money include the Dance Party and the Basketball tournament.
- The board needs to put real thought into our next grant to John Hay. Based on the current fundraising levels, it is unlikely that we are going to raise the $360,000 required to break even and maintain the programs that are in place this year.

**Auction Update**

- Lynn and Meg are planning to reach out to K and 1st grade families after RSVP's go out. The goal is to encourage their participation and attendance.
- Auction team will let all families know this year’s auction is more important than ever because we’ve fallen behind in reaching our fundraising targets.
- Two Kindergarten parents have volunteered to work on decor with little to no funding support from the auction budget.
- Kindergarten parents, Sarah Schmidt and Chelsea Hamasaki, are volunteering their time to develop graphic design for the event.
- Dell Monson and Sarah Holt are running the online auction again this year.
- All classrooms have an art lead (including Lynn Baker for Ms. Landa’s class).
- This year's after party will be free, a cash bar will sell drinks.
- The team is still looking for a volunteer to record and edit the video that is played before the “raise the paddle” ask.
- Discussion followed:
  - Would a lower ticket price for Kindergarten families encourage attendance?
  - Reward class with highest number of returned RSVP, counting both Yes’s and No’s?
Attend K and 1st Grade Valentines Day potlucks to talk about the auction?
○ Recruit high school student to make video?
○ Dell has a contact at Dick’s and will try to procure after party food.
○ Joanna to rank potential donors and share list with procurement volunteers. All board members are invited (PRETTY PLEASE) to help.

Other volunteer office updates - Lynn
  ● The Seattle Mariners called to ask if John Hay is interested in attending a game as a group as a fundraiser.
  ● The Seattle Mariner’s asked Ms. Nelson-Knecht if John Hay Choraliers would like to sing national anthem one night.
  ● 5th Grade teachers requesting funds to send IA’s to Islandwood this year.

2016-2017 Budget info - Colleen
The board will discuss and vote on the 2016-2017 grant at the March meeting, which has been rescheduled from March 17th to March 10th. Colleen and Olivia will email highlights to board members prior to March 10th so we can study the info prior to the meeting.

Dance party Update - Samantha Tunbridge
A 4th grade parent, Samantha Tunbridge, volunteered to organize Dance US Hay. She is eager for everyone’s help and ideas. The gym lights will be up and the dance music will be down (i.e. quieter) at the start of the event to make it more welcoming to anyone with sensory sensitivities. Samantha is considering a Star Wars theme.

Website Updates - Dell Monson
Dell reported that after the Partners web site home page, the before and after school program web page gets the next highest number of visits at 13%. The blog receives 10% of the site’s visits.

When office staff get calls from parents about the before and after school programs they should make sure to tell families that the programs are managed by the partners board, not the district.

Web site content/section owners need to update their own area. For example, the Partners Secretary is in charge of the Minutes page. It is important that the web site stay current. If you are uncertain about whether or not you are in charge of content on the web page, or if you need technical assistance, please check-in with Dell. She is available after 2pm on Fridays, or email Joanna since she is familiar with the process.

Kids Co. Possible Site Closure - Mirande Wilde
The School Board recently announced that some buildings may lose their onsite childcare programs because the classrooms will be needed for student instruction starting next year. 117 kids are enrolled in Kid Co’s John Hay programs and there are 50 on the waitlist.

Colleen and Olivia attended Sue Peter’s community meeting on January 10th and discussed this issue with her. According to Sue, the school board is looking for creative solutions and she acknowledged that alternative childcare options on Queen Anne are limited.
**Special Education - Jennifer Alexander-Hill, subbing for Jenn DiBona**

The John Hay Special Education parent group is planning a 2nd coffee talk with Principal Beach at the end of January. Anyone from the John Hay community is invited.

Jenn DiBona attended a meeting last week where the district announced Special Education program changes. Service levels at each school are changing but no one knows what they will be changed to yet. This is a concern because parents pick schools based on the services offered.

In December the district announced that it is pulling funding from a kindergarten program at the University of Washington called the Experimental Education Unit (EEU). The EEU currently serves students with and without disabilities.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.

Respectfully submitted by Joanna Mattson, Secretary

**2016 Meeting Schedule**
February 18
March 10
April 21
May 19
June 16