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

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

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Guests: Meg Pitts, Joseph Tighe (incoming treasurer), Zeina Abouammo, Lisa Evans

**Introductions**

**Auction Update - Meg Pitts**

- Auction revenue to date is $268,000, almost $20,000 more than last year. Surprisingly, attendance used to be much higher (400+) showing many more community members participated during the years 2007-2010, yet the average amount raised during the four high-attendance years was $170,000.

- David Silverman, our auctioneer, observed that we have too many silent items at our auction. He recommends focusing on baskets, wine, art and the buy-it-now board.

- February 11th is the only date next year that both David and Fischer Pavilion are available. Friday night is not ideal for John Hay because our auctions require so much set up and it is hard for working parents to end their work day in time for a 5pm start.

- As in past years, teachers and staff (IA’s, Tutors, Office Admin), we given complimentary tickets to this year’s event. Guests of teachers/staff were charged $45, which covers the cost of their meal, but not the full cost of their ticket ($62 per person is spent on linens, room
rental, wine/beer, etc.). The cost of the free and reduced tickets added up to $6,200 this year. After reviewing cost and attendance data, and speaking with other area schools (John Hay is the only school that doesn't charge teachers and staff), the auction team recommends that in the future all Hay teachers and staff be asked to purchase an auction ticket for themselves and their guests, unless they are actively helping to raise funds by contributing a teacher experience.

- Meg agreed to share auction results with John Hay families in the Jaguar Tracks and in a hard-copy flyer, which will include a pie chart showing where the money will be spent according to next year’s budget. Preliminary results can be shared as soon as Joanna has received confirmation from the bookkeeper that the expected auction income is actually in the bank.

- While on the subject of community events, the group thanked Lee for another successful Hoops Tournament. The Five Spot Dine Out night raised $1,200.

Policy Update - Karen Halazone

- Bell-time survey results will be announced by May 31st.

- Sue Peter’s next parent chat is at the Magnolia Library on May 1st from 1pm-3pm. As always, the more John Hay parents in attendance the better. Lisa Evans advised parents to attend the monthly community meetings hosted by other school board members as well.

- Karen will ask Libby to share the following list of upcoming district community meetings that may be of interest to John Hay families with Room Parents for distribution to each class.

**Boundary Changes:**
Boundary changes are scheduled to be implemented for certain schools for the 2017-18 school year. These boundary changes were approved by the Seattle School Board in November 2013. Currently, there are no planned changes for John Hay Elementary, but there is an upcoming meeting to discuss the planned changes, and boundaries generally, on April 26th, from 6:30-7:30 at the Roosevelt High School Library (1410 NE 66th Street), with additional meetings to be scheduled in the fall.

**Vaccinations:**
School vaccination regulations in Washington state have changed for the upcoming 2016-17 school year. The Washington State Department of Health now requires two doses of chickenpox (Varicella) vaccine for all students in grades K through 12. Students who do not have two doses of vaccine by the start of classes in September, 2016 could be excluded from school.

Math Education Night - DeArrne Schmidt
Wednesday, April 27th is Math Education Night at John Hay. Teachers who attended the Singapore Math training will be on hand to answer questions, Blue Highway will provide fun math games for families to play and purchase. DeArnne needs FOUR more volunteers.

On a related note, Mr. Berkenwald asked if there are Carnival games available for use on Field Day. Dina said she would give him a list.

**Spring Clean Update - Olivia Northcott-Johnson**
Olivia is seeking volunteers to bring their garden tools and help clean up the garden area on Saturday April 30th. The school basement will also be cleaned out. Parents will be BBQing hot dogs, etc. so bring the whole family. Kids can help or play while adults work. A flyer about the event is being sent home in folders tomorrow.

Two other Spring-Clean initiatives are planned: 1) book drive for younger students and 2) sports equipment drive for Treehouse.

**New School Song - Colleen**
Brad Hawkins will be unveiling the new school song that he composed very soon.

**Volunteer Coordinator Position**
There was a motion to approve continuing the Volunteer Coordinator Position, which is funded by John Hay Partners, for another year. The motion was seconded. And the motion passed.

Next, there was discussion regarding Volunteer Coordinator compensation.

There was a motion to increase the Volunteer Coordinator’s compensation by $3/hour for the (typically) 6-10 hours per week that are not capped at $15/hour per district rules. The resulting pay increase works out to about $1/hour for a 30 hour work week.

The motion was seconded and the motion passed.

**Upcoming Budget Discussion - Co-Chairs**
Reminder: Budget discussions will be the primary focus of the next meeting. The board needs to make important decisions about budget items like instrumental music, teacher supply gifts, library funds, etc.

BLT decided to eliminate class-specific supply lists for the coming fall. Instead, parents will be asked to contribute a per-student supply fee. Payments can be made over time if needed. Any excess funds will be fairly distributed to non-classroom teachers. Contributions will be classified as a donation so they will be tax-deductible and eligible for corporate matching. Parents will still be asked for field trip fees during the school year.

There is talk of retiring the Moveathon and redirecting the significant volunteer resources it consumes toward the auction. In its place John Hay will launch a fall fund drive. If it is as successful as this approach has proved to be at other area schools it will take pressure off of the auction.
A recommendation was made to create 2016-2017 Fundraising calendar before the end of June. It is too hard to get consensus during the busy first weeks of school in the fall.

Respectfully submitted by Joanna Mattson

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

May 19
June 16 (Note: Because the 16th is the Festival of the Arts this meeting may be rescheduled for June 9th)