The meeting was opened by Olivia Northcott Johnson and Colleen LaMotte and called to order at 5:30 PM on Thursday, September 17th.

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**Introductions:**

**Principal Report - Tami Beach**

As of today there are 499 students enrolled at John Hay. For the most part, class sizes are very nice (i.e. mid-20’s for most). The district is not planning to assign students from the district waitlist at this time. The waitlist is for students who do NOT live in John Hay’s assignment area.

Ms. Beach and Mr. Berkenwald visited all but one class today. The kids looked happy, relaxed and attentive.

Parents of students who took the smarter balance test last spring should receive a hard-copy of the results before October. John Hay students exceeded district expectations, which were based on New York and Texas results.

John Hay is seeking a new playfield that would be funded by the The Buildings, Technology, and Academics IV (BTA IV) Capital Levy. Even if funding is approved, the playfield upgrade is two years out. The levy will be put to voters in February 2016. As part of its levy planning process the district is collecting input from the community. It is important that John Hay parents show their support for a new playfield by attending the public BTA IV meeting on September 30th, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at Bailey Gatzert Elementary School lunchroom, 1301 East Yesler Way.

**Vice Principal Report - Michael Berkenwald**

Michael graduated from the Danforth Educational Leadership Program at the University of Washington. He taught at Garfield for many years before deciding to pursue a career in school administration. He loves the atmosphere at John Hay. He invites parents to chat by appointment or drop-in if he is in his office.

**Co-Chair Report - Colleen**

Lynn Baker has a new title which was assigned to better reflect her current responsibilities. It is
Fundraising & Community Director. Lynn will take a more active role in events, serving as co-chair as needed.

If you are organizing an event, make sure to send Olivia and Colleen the details so it can be added to the online calendar.

**Co-Chair Report - Olivia**
Olivia announced a new student-led stewardship program that will run throughout the year. John Hay students are going to work with an organization called Treehouse to improve the lives of children in the foster care system. More specifically, the organization provides material goods such as clothing and supplies, as well as enrichment opportunities like music lessons and access to mentors. John Hay parent, Kelsey Greeson, volunteered to chair the new committee. This stewardship opportunity is a good fit for John Hay because kids will be helping kids. Teachers will be asked to set aside class time so student council reps can share information about Treehouse with their classmates.

Dell spoke about another local volunteer opportunity for John Hay students. Every other Thursday the Queen Anne Helpline packs food for neighborhood students to take home over the weekend. She said kids as young as six are eligible to help.

There was also a short discussion about installing “no idle zone” signs along Hay Way. Joanna will research how to obtain the signs from the city.

**Carnival Update - Dina**
The carnival is scheduled for Friday, September 25th. There is no Plan B if it pours rain that day. Will have to cancel no later than Wednesday if the forecast predicts a soaking. This year there will be kid karaoke and a DJ. Volunteers are still needed.

**Volunteer Spot - Colleen**
Starting this year, volunteerspot.com is the ONLY web site that parents should be using to coordinate volunteers for John Hay events. By streamlining the process, parents will only have to remember one web site and they will be exposed to all volunteer opportunities every time they visit.

**Fundraising - Beth Brooks**
Beth shared a draft-version of a letter that she would like distributed to parents no later than curriculum night. The purpose of the letter is to convey how important fund raising is to John Hay (i.e. what it pays for), and how much our community needs to raise this school year in order to maintain existing programs. An accompanying table offers an at-a-glance summary of each fund raising event (schedule, purpose, goals, and suggested participation amount).

Beth requested feedback and discussion followed.

Beth also asked for feedback on a potential winter fundraiser that involves selling fresh fruit instead of greenery. Discussion followed.

Joanna brought up the Back to School night event at Targy’s that had to be canceled because of the strike. Ticket were sold at last year’s auction for $30 per person. Only 12 tickets were sold so there are at least 28 tickets left. Ticket holders were told the event would be rescheduled. Lynn will follow up with Kelsey and Meg, last year’s auction chairs.
Communication Update: Dell
Dell distributed the communication calendar and asked the group to submit any changes/additions. She needs AT LEAST two day’s notice.

Please check with her first if you need an online tool. Partners has already established accounts with many different features. There is a Master list (Google Sheet) that can be accessed via the Partner’s Google drive account.
Dell would love more photos for the Partner’s web site. She always checks parental permission forms before posting images on either the district web site or the Partner’s web site.

De-Arnne Schmidt - Outreach
De-Arnne submitted her report via Olivia. She is planning parent parties by grade. The third grade party will be October 15th, the 4th grade party is scheduled for October 22nd, and the 5th grade party will be on October 29th.

De-Arnne is establishing a regular morning-coffee gathering for new families. It will happen on the 15th day of each month.

Ms. Beach mentioned that she wants to invite parents to coffee after drop-off every Friday.

Parent Engagement - Libby Mansour
Libby is going to ask room parents to organize multiple social events for their classrooms this year. There was suggestion to offer room parents the option of establishing a “social chair” volunteer role within their class’s parent community.

A parent attending the meeting shared that she would like to organize a regular meeting for parents of special education students to meet and learn from each other. Another guest pointed out that the get togethers might be valuable to all John Hay parents. Discussion followed and there was general agreement that the proposal sounded like a great idea. It was unclear what the next steps should be in making it a reality.

Curriculum Enrichment: Dina Ringer
Enrichment flyers went out in red folders Friday. It is also available on the John Hay and Partners’ websites. Registration starts Monday, Sept 21. Most classes start the week of October 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by Joanna Mattson

2015/2016 Meeting schedule
October 15
November 19
December 17
January 14
February 25 (delayed one week because of mid-winter break)
March 17
April 21
May 19
June 16