

PTC Meeting Minutes  
November 15th, 5:30-7pm, Community Room @ TRAILS  
**A special thanks to Sam Jackson for providing us with a delicious dinner from  
Falafel Republic!**

ATTENDEES:

Liz Galicia  
Lisa Hamilton  
Laurie Green  
Christian Gold-Stagg  
Cathy Berger  
Michelle Ahearn  
Keet Beck-Brattin  
Jennifer Parks  
Jim Bowers  
Sage Meadows  
Sky Stewart  
Leaf Sarlya  
Katja Toal  
Matthew Bianca  
Steve Burns  
David Brownell  
Ken Willumsen  
Hazer Willumsen  
Jane Prine

Approvals:

Agenda: Keet motioned, Laurie second, all approved  
Minutes: David motioned, Leaf second, all approved

Principal Update

- Appreciation and gratitude shared for the outpouring of support with the move.
- TRAILS open house is on Thursday, 11/17/22 at 5:30 pm
- Bus service and schedule shift to begin Jan. 3rd. Details to come.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Sage:

- Winterfaire is the evening of Dec. 15th. It is a community building, all school and family event.
- Open mic activity will take place at Winterfaire instead of a winter concert.
- Sage and others are grateful that Community (Wednesdays 8:20-8:50 in the community room) is able to include families again after having to modify due to the pandemic.
- reach out to Sage to suggest songs for Community or play an instrument, especially bass

Jim:

-School Solstice event will be on the 16th of December at the Temple Emek Shalom. There will be a spiral made out of boughs gathered from Earth Teach.

-Parents will be needed to help set up at Temple Emek Shalom. Parents who are cleared to volunteer may attend this event.

-Jim gave an overview of Earth Teach (ET): 1700 acres of undeveloped private land where upper grades spend many Fridays.

-Students will be conducting research and testing theories regarding the removal of the invasive Yellow Star Thistle that has invaded land at Earth Teach.

-Jim and Sage have both been teachers at the school for 12 years.

### Financial Update

-No significant updates since last month.

-Jen shared about the student pantry/summer food program benefits. TRAILS pledges \$1k to SOU Farm in order to participate in this program.

### TEAM UPDATES

#### **Community Events Team:**

-Thank you to all who contributed to the gear swap! Some requests were made during the gear swap that another swap takes place again in the Spring when the weather begins to warm up.

-Fundraising events were discussed - Raffle in March and Hike-a-thon TBD. This is a planning priority for the Community Events team.

-Laurie shared how the hike-a-thon was historically an all year fundraiser. Students had school shirts and could be recognized in the community representing TRAILS while working on trails, hiking, and exploring the outdoors. When it was an all year event, teachers would keep track of miles hiked by students throughout the year.

-This year, the hike-a-thon will be a one day event. Lithia Park is being considered as a location for the hike-a-thon. If you would like to help organize the hike-a-thon please reach out to the TRAILS officers or email [TRAILS.PTC@gmail.com](mailto:TRAILS.PTC@gmail.com).

-Jen suggested that in future years, we may want to consider having the hike-a-thon during the fall season.

-Winterfaire is coming up. While this event is not a fundraising event, the team considered whether this event should pay for itself through minimal fees, or if PTC funds should be the primary source of funding for this event. The Community Events team is helping Randi's class (and Charlie's class) in organizing Winterfaire, see more info from class parents.

#### **New Site Team:**

General update and discussion

-The New Site Team had a meeting on November 10th. At that meeting, discussions took place regarding playspace options, courtyard plans, and the library system.

-The New Site Team plans to meet with a playground consultant Dec. 30th to move forward with design decisions.

-There will be Library and Landscaping subcommittees. Cathy Berger will be the team lead for the library and Jim will be the team lead for landscaping. If you are interested in joining either please reach out to them.

#### Playspace focused discussion

- Amanda has engaged middle schoolers who would like to be involved in the planning of the playspace (would like to continue the tradition of 8th grader handprints).
- Randi's class held an election regarding playspace elements.
- Team would like to support teachers in involving their students in this process in order to encourage ownership of their space.
- Staff member requested additional playhouses be added while we wait for a structure and no fire pole due to safety/supervising issues. PTC has advertised on Nextdoor for play equipment donations, please spread the word.
- There are different ways to move forward with playspace. One option is to use a portion of the \$25k PTC budget line item to purchase and install a 13' Skytower (rope climber). The team did not feel this would be the preferred option since we don't have a long term plan yet.
- Another option would be to use the entire budget to purchase multiple smaller elements that can be installed quickly.
- Other option includes using the entire budget to apply for matching grant funds for a larger play structure. Grant cycle opens in summer, therefore, play structure would not be installed until next year.

Decision: determine budget and long-term plan, engaging consultants to help guide, with teachers and staff determining decision making process for how we build a unique, fun, all-age nature-based playspace at TRAILS. PTC should consider by Jan how to support the school next semester so there are temporary play items for students this school year.

#### **Student and Family Support Team:**

- Liz expressed deep gratitude to all on this team.
- Thank you to Christian for helping with ASF grants.
- Thank you to Cathy, Christian and Jane for helping organize and run the gear swap.
- Thank you to Somer who is organizing a Body Basics class for keeping kids safe online

If you're interested in helping with any teams, please contact Liz ([elizggalicia@gmail.com](mailto:elizggalicia@gmail.com)) or the PTC email (TRAILS.PTC@gmail.com)

#### ACTION ITEMS

- New Site Team to meet and continue with playspace (next meeting 11/30 at 3:30), library, and landscaping planning and efforts
- Community Events team supporting Winterfaire, please bring in lightly used items for the gift room and wrapping paper.