

Key School PTA
Executive Committee Meeting
May 2009, 7:30 PM

- I. Welcome and Introductions: Christy Ross, Julie Scott, Jennifer Felten, Lauren Schramm, David Landeryou, Ms. Palm, Cristina Parsons, Susan Kaminskas

- II. Principal's Report: Key has qualified for autonomy from the DCPS system. We will have to wait to learn if we actually get this. Numerous factors are considered and, if achieved, allows the school to make a lot more decisions for the school outside of the DCPS system.

On June 4th there will be a tour of the Sunrise Valley Elementary School guided reading book room. They have been using the guided reading program for awhile and it will be a good way for Key to get ideas as we begin to put together our "book room".

- III. Teacher's Report (Eleanor Palm): No new business.

- IV. Treasurer's Report: Bulk supplies running at a deficit. There will be a vote at the General PTA meeting in June to decide if we want to keep this program for the 2009-2010 school year.

Budget planning is underway for next year.

Money for new Smartboards will be allocated to the DCPS budget. These were requested earlier in the year by the teachers.

For this year, the PTA will purchase shelves and "non-book" materials to help put together the new guided reading book room. We have applied for a grant to purchase the actual books.

- V. Committee Reports: KEHP (Cristina Parsons) Some families continuously show up late for pick up. Therefore letters will be going out to these families regarding this issue and putting policies in place, up to suspension from the program, for continuous offenders.

Registration forms for the 2009-2010 school year have been given to the current participants in the program. Registration forms for new participants will be going out soon.

Bonuses for staff will be the same as last year.

The PTA approved the purchase of some small gardening items for the children to use at the after school program.

- VI. LSRT Report (Lauren Schramm): Communication between the Exec. Committee and LSRT needs to improve. Per the by-laws, a member of the LSRT is required to attend the Exec. Committee meetings each month.

After each LSRT meeting, they will post the meeting minutes on the website.

The LSRT, by default, has been handling “Life After Key” concerns. A new committee will be created for the 2009-2010 school year to handle this. It is suggested that the Chair be a former LSRT member. It was agreed that there needs to be a good mix of parents representing various viewpoints and no preconceived opinions.

Results of the survey will be posted on the website and written about in Keynotes.

The “arts program” for Key will be an area of focus for the LSRT.

- VII. Other business:

The salary increases for the aides was discussed. In comparison to other schools, the current salaries are high. It was agreed that we would still offer increases and review the current contract to possibly add in a small amount of paid leave as an extra incentive.

The dues form has been revised for 2009-2010 to clarify the costs for dues and supplies.

Small changes to the by-laws were voted on and approved.

At the upcoming General meeting, we will vote on whether to continue the bulk supplies program for the 2009-2010 school year. We will offer some information on the snack “policy” previously discussed but we will not vote on this as it is a voluntary program.

- VIII. Adjournment