General Meeting: 1/9/18

| Board and Committee Members Present: | Karin Harrison, Michelle Seligman, Jenny Nichols, BeBeth Steudel, Gina Speer, Mamatha Reddy, Amy Franklin-Bihary, Carrie Yuan, Aleksandra Multinovic |
| Meeting Location | Viewlands Library |

Karin called meeting to order at 6:37

- An introduction and presentation from Viewlands staff about the social-emotional literacy curriculum RULER. How is it being used at Viewlands?
  - Ms. Kutch, Ms. Clark, Ms. Nelson, Ms. Sandy, and Ms. Rose gave a presentation on the RULER
    - Recognize
    - Understand
    - Labeling
    - Expressing
    - Regulating
  - Each class creates a charter of agreements
  - Reviewed the Mood Meter
  - Strategies for regulating emotions

- Ms. Klainer and Ms. Rose talked about MLK assembly – learning public speaking and peaceful protest. Students will participate in a peaceful march. 12:15 is the assembly, and the march is at 12:45.
  - Questions about bus strike but Ms K and R can’t really address, other than knowing that a lot of legwork is happening to avoid another strike.

- Vote to approve the amended budget –
  - Budget was not approved at Fall meeting. Final budget proposed.
    - Proposed amendments –
      - $700 for Media Literacy grant for Library
      - 69 5th graders for 5th grade camp – total is $5157 to match last year’s funding per/student – increased amount for increased class size
      - Adjustment for classroom grants
      - Motion for approval and second
      - Budget approved

- Committee updates and upcoming event details
  - Financial Review will be scheduled in the next few weeks – 3-person committee is formed.
  - IRS tax filing – extension filed – took extra time to double check due to large amount of grant money flowing through. Extension filed – return will be submitted in May.
  - Nominating Committee Formed – Monique; Aleksandra; Suzanne
  - Community/ Family Education lecture series -partnership w/ Broadview Thompson
    - Tierra Johnson will give a lecture on race and social justice on Feb 13th 6:30-7:40
    - How to navigate tough conversations with your kids
  - Family Dance
    - Friday Feb 9th
    - Nat will DJ
    - Suzanne will do arts/crafts/games
- Raffle = will need items for prizes
- Bake sale – will be signup sheet
- 5$/kid
- Auction Apr 22nd at Naked City
  - Looking for donations and committee members
- Upcoming volunteer opportunities
  - Jogathon
  - Staff appreciation
- Orca Digest is out regularly and going well. New Communication Committee is doing great work
- Student contact guides are out.
- Open House
  - Jan 18th from 6-7 – looking for volunteers to help with tours
  - Feb 6th is Whitman Open House – also hosting a STEAM night on the 18th
  - Jan 24th? Open House
  - Will possibly reach out for parents with current middle schoolers or Whitman’s PTA
- Might have a Red Cross Safety talk at March movie night.
- Playground update – no update, and may need to mobilize parent action.

Meeting closed at 7:39

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Nichols, Co-Secretary