

## Leschi Community Meeting December 8, 2022

Meeting brought to order at 7:09pm by Alexi

Ricole began the meeting with a land acknowledgment

Benson did the redlining acknowledgment

Benson also read the community agreements

- be mindful that everyone is in service of our students and community
- acknowledgement of privilege and space

Alexi went over the agenda highlights

- Series will start tonight called community connections
- Reminder about Giving Garland
- Appreciation for volunteers, request for someone with financial skills to take on Treasurer role and someone who can work on website.

Small group introductions

- Broke up into small groups to get to know each other

Benson - hoping to find someone who can help with the school website, as well as Leschipta.org

- Brione volunteered to help
- Jasmine will create a Meeting page to link to meeting minutes, schedule, standing rules, etc.

Janice White, Family and Community Engagement Chair of [Special Education PTA](#)

- Over 7,000 students in SPS who have an Individual Education Program (IEP)
  - Another 1,000 students who have a 504 plan, who need special accommodations to access services
  - Unknown number who are not officially diagnosed and need help
- Wrote a guide for families who are currently served and those who wonder if they should have these services.
- Guide written to help demystify services. Written by families and caregivers who have been in the system for years, written for families. Guide is available electronically and in print. Available in SPS's top 10 languages
- Asking for help in getting resource in the hands of families who could benefit
- Janice went over the guide, available at: <https://seattlespecialeducationptsa.org/>
- Includes an organizational chart and template for parents to track all the staff involved in their kid's IEP
- Roadmaps for how to get services, how to advocate for students
- Also discussed the intersection between special education and discipline
- Gentle request for contributions for printing and translating the guide

Brione Scott- [Clean Greens Farmer's Market](#)

- have been a Leschi parent since 2009, currently have a 1st grader
- also works with Rainier Avenue Radio

- Spoke about history of the organization - started in 2007
  - at that time, not a lot of great options for fresh produce
  - need for education and access about fresh produce in African American community
  - Serve anyone who cannot afford local produce
- Started as a CSA, for anyone who buys, one box is donated to a family
  - Farm is out in Duvall, with volunteers they weed and plant
  - Now also have education classes
- Youth program, partnered with another farm that built boxes with kids
- Partnered with the City to find space to grow food and do community events
- This year will grow behind Amy Yee, will expand to broader community beyond youth
- Getting funding from the City and recently able to expand from 4 staff to 7.
- How do kids get involved?
  - Can do field trips to the Farm, get involved in Youth Program
- Volunteers are welcome
- Follow Clean Greens Farmer's Market on Instagram!

Principal Liu's presentation

- School updates
  - reading and literacy work
  - new math curriculum ,enVision, continues to be implemented with ongoing staff training.
- Remote learning plan in case of inclement weather in January
  - Devices will be going home over winter break, and expected to be returned after.
  - Goal is to not have to make up snow days in July
- If snow day happens, first day will be at 9:55am, after that schedule will be generally the same as if they were in person
- In the future, if there's a forecast for inclement weather, the district will send devices home within 48 hours of expected snow
- Pup Pride Tickets
  - classes collect Pup Pride tickets and class counts are tallied weekly
  - once they get 4,000 tickets, they get a pajama and popsicle party
  - currently about 2,000 tickets, and only been about 2 and a half weeks!
  - also hand out hallway awards
  - Alexi noticed that classes are very quiet in the hallway
  - Mr. Liu also has noticed positive behaviors and the
- Question about spoiled milk from zoom chat
  - Mr. Liu: apparently the supplier sent spoiled milk, not a Leschi refrigeration issue. This has been a challenge at a few other schools and district is working in
- Question: when will there be school tours for prospective students
  - Towards the end of January, district will also coordinate school tours throughout the schools. Will need volunteers to help
- Advocacy Update
  - Legislative session in January
    - WPTSA will be hosting a preview panel about the session and opportunities for advocacy. Will send out an email.

- Will send an email to legislators, still time to add your name or specific message to legislators

Last minute announcements

- If you shop Amazon, use the smile account and donate to Leschi!
- Call for one plastic/reusable Christmas tree (special request from a family)