

## **Leschi PTA Community Meeting 9/20/2023**

### **Welcome**

- Alexi welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 6:10pm

### **Acknowledgments**

- Andrea did the land acknowledgment
- Alicia read the redlining acknowledgment

### **Appreciations**

- Erin shared appreciation for crossing guard safety and signs telling people not to go South on 30th
- Appreciate that KG kids seem to come out last, and there's flexibility in timing for kids
- Appreciate that the room tonight is full! And that we are coming back from COVID.
- Welcome and appreciate for Principal Ramsey, starting strong and with good communication

### **Family Support - Jenny Miller**

- Jenny introduced herself and shared what the Family Support Worker does
- Connects families with resources from school, PTA, and other community partners

### **Coach G (Gabriel)**

- Been attached to Leschi for 8 years
- Plays/coaches Futsal
- Plan on having a website before November
- May-October 5:30-7:30 kids can drop in.
- Just wants kids be able to come out and play and feel safe
- Can contact him through Alexi and PTA
- Will be doing indoor programming on Saturday's with Garfield Community Center
- More info will be posted on the PTA website.

### **PTA Business**

- Budget vote (Benson)
  - Benson shared the last two school years' budgets. The biggest chunk of our budget is the supplement, which goes directly to the school each September, followed by in-class budgets for educators and then family support.
  - The supplement is money that the PTA gives to the school to be used at the Principal's discretion. Benson shared a [breakdown](#) of what the money will go to.
  - PTA equity donation is new
    - Up until COVID, this was the practice

- This is also part of a larger effort for overall PTA equity
  - While Leschi has a range of incomes, there are many other schools without any PTA, or that raise fewer funds.
  - Will take a vote later in the year as to where specifically these funds go (coalition, specific school, etc.)
- Family support is not represented in the same way as previous years - overall spending will be similar (\$20-\$25,000) but most funds will come from grants and donations received this year and a smaller portion will come from our general fund (\$12,500 last year, \$5000 this year)
- Andrea moved to approve the budget proposal
- Kevin second
- Unanimously passed

### **New Officers**

- Andrea presented vacant offices
  - Co-Treasurer: Jed
    - Passed unanimously
  - Vice President: Erin H.
    - Passed unanimously

### **Standing Rules - Ricole**

- Ricole presented standing rules review and alignment
- Over 810 Local PTAs statewide, part of a big hierarchy in the state
- Required to approve standing rules each year to remain in good standing
- (link to standing rules)
- Andrea moved to adopt standing rules
- Alexi seconded
- The rules passed unanimously

### **Principal Update**

- Principal Genny Ramsy introduced herself
- Please contact her anytime
- Connections to Leschi community long-standing: Brother was here for elementary, and best friend
- Teachers have been working hard to build community in their classrooms, teachers start the morning with circle time, so it is important that students are here on time.
- The teachers, staff and administrators are working to communicate and illustrate these principles:
  - Students are accepted for their full and diverse selves
  - Students are capable and independent learners
  - School is a predictable place that can meet their needs

- Principal Ramsey would like to know how the year is going so far for students and families. It's going great for her!
- Will schedule family sessions for families to drop by anytime

#### **Rachel from the Launch after school program**

- Back to having 3 groups of kids
- 6 spots are currently open and there is some limited days flexibility.
- They also take drop in's. Get in contact if you are interested in drop ins
- Rachel is in room 217 if you want to find her.

#### **Garfield after school offerings**

- Derryn Anderson presented after school opportunities
- Scholarships cover activities at any community center in any neighborhood. The cycles are June to June  
<https://www.seattle.gov/parks/scholarships-and-financial-aid>
- Open house on Friday, with activity instructors (i.e. soccer, dance, etc.)
- Coach G is doing futsal on Saturdays 2:30 to 4:30

#### **Brione Scott - Clean Greens Program**

- Clean Greens Farmers Market - non profit farmers market - CSA
  - Free food giveaway - New Hope Baptist Church
  - Here for families in need of fresh, organic fresh produce
  - Have a youth program ages 8-18
  - Every Saturday behind Amy Yee Tennis Court, grow
  - Always looking for volunteers at the farm in Duval
  - Every Saturday 124 21st Ave Clean Greens has free produce 11 AM - 2 PM
  - If you want to participate or get involved in the youth program, they are at S Holgate behind Amy Yee tennis court

#### **Closing and Volunteer Fair**

- Alexi adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm and invited folks to talk to others at different tables to learn how to get involved.