

## **John Hay Partners/Foundation Board Meeting**

### **Minutes**

October 16, 2014, 5:30pm

The meeting was opened by Sarah Holt and Lee Scovern and called to order at 5:30 PM on Thursday, October 16, 2014.

<b>Present</b>	
Kryisia Johnson	Sarah Holt
Janet Schooler	Mary Ellen Kennedy
Lynn Baker	Emily Hamilton
Dell Monson	Jenna Warburton
Allison Shannon	Colleen LaMotte
Kate Clancy – Kids Co	Joanna Mattson
Lee Scovern	Kari Hanson
Aniki Olson	
Carmen Hagios	Guest: Lisa Moore, Queen Anne Helpline
Brooke Beresh	

### **Lisa Moore – Queen Anne Helpline**

- Here to make board aware of the work QA Helpline does, and educate that there is need in our community, despite its reputation as an area that is more affluent than most.
- Hopes we will refer friends and neighbors who we feel could benefit from QA Helpline's assistance. QA Helpline serves the 98119,98199, and 98109 zip codes.
- How can the John Hay community help?
  1. Financial assistance
  2. Adult clothing bank. Larger sized men's clothing is especially needed. Call first if you have clothes to donate.
  3. Visit web site (<http://queenannehelpline.org/>) where very specific food items are listed.

### **Arts & Culture Lead Update**

Jenna Warburton has volunteered to fill this role as an interim member of the board. Jenna is coordinating classroom art projects for the auction as well. Her term will run through this spring.

Motion to approve Jenna's status as interim board member was passed.

### **Principal Update – Kari**

#### Positives:

- Introduced Jaguar Jump this year. Part of new emotional and social development focus.
- Discipline for students is way down. Kids are happy, upbeat
- Steve Sturm is back. He is still facing some recovery challenges
- Enrollment is at 521 students.
- Principal blog which offers families short, frequent messages is going well
- Multi arts has taken off
- Tech classes are going well.
- After and before school programs - hearing lots of great feedback from teachers and admin staff. Has personally visited the arts, sewing, and language classes. Very pleased with all so far.
- New teacher hires are all wonderful.

#### Challenges:

- Teacher Stress. Two new curriculums were rolled out this year (English Language Arts and Math in Focus). This has tossed teachers for loop because of the lack of training.
- Kari is looking for ways to support teachers and get them the training they need.
- Agreed to come to Partners Board if there is anything Partners can do financially to support training efforts.

#### **HAT Ask Update - Colleen**

275 students returned money, \$7,590 total, which includes \$705 in scholarships.

Last year, 267 students paid and \$8,089 was raised, of which \$1,150 was in scholarships.

HAT funds are very close to the budgeted \$8,000. Will send a reminder in hopes of receiving more.

#### **PEN Update (Colleen)**

- Savvy Parents, Safe Kids speaker, Kim Estes, signed her contract. Still working with Jo Langford to settle the terms of his agreement.
- Colleen counted four parents from John Hay at the Math education night at Whitman Middle School. No handouts were distributed, but a website that kids will access is in the pipeline.
- Kari will create her own Math in Focus presentation for the December 11<sup>th</sup> PEN at John Hay.
- The next PEN is about conflict, fighting, and bullying. Kristin Weissenborn is presenting. It is on November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Another Singapore math talk planned is for June. Attendees will be given the opportunity to take games home for the summer.

## **Moveathon - Lee**

It is tomorrow. The Moveathon team, led by Brandi Black, has raised \$4,250 in sponsorships and procured \$2,000 worth of raffle prizes.

As of 10/16, \$29,975 in donations has been received.

Please thank Mr. K for his generous donation, which provided every John Hay student with at least one raffle ticket.

## **Communications - Dell**

Dell provided an easier-on-the-eyes communication schedule. It is available to the community upon request. She sees unsubscribe numbers, so she has to balance how much communication is being directed toward our community.

## **Fundraising - Carmen & Mary Ellen**

- Dine Out for John Hay
  - There is an upcoming Dine out for John Hay at Nana's Mexican restaurant on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-9pm. They are donating 25% of their proceeds.
  - The following Dine Out night is at Zeeks (January).
  - The final Dine Out event is at the Five Spot.  
Auction Art Display: Five Spot would like to hang art. Jenna will contact Five Spot and set a date. Ideally, mid-March, two weeks before the auction.
- Glassy Baby party is a new event. Scheduled for Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Carmen's goal is to net \$500.
- Holiday Wreaths
  - New this year – John Hay will raise money by selling holiday wreaths (and other greenery) to families via a brochure and order form that will be sent home in the red-folders. Partners will pay \$13 per wreath and sell for \$23 or whatever price John Hay sets. Orders submitted by November 10<sup>th</sup> will be ready for pick-up during the first week of December.
  - Carmen and Mary Ellen Kennedy will handle product distribution.
  - Will hang a poster tomorrow as a sneak preview for the many Moveathon visitors

## **Penny Harvest**

Joanna provided a recap on what Penny Harvest is and what would be required of John Hay to participate this year since it no longer has a local sponsor. Due to shortage of trained and available PH volunteers, John Hay will not attempt to collect pennies this fall. There is still a possibility that an abbreviated, in-house version could work after the holidays.

Alternatives to Penny Harvest were discussed. Joanna agreed to consult with Seattle Foundation.

All agreed to table discussion until next meeting.

**\*\* Closed Session – Budget Discussion \*\***

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Joanna Mattson