

Match Charter Public Middle School

Parent Advisory Meeting

Wednesday, November 18th, 2009

6:00 – 7:30 pm

In Attendance: Principal Hwang, Lisa and Sims-Okundaye, Edith Murnane, Donna Smith, Eugenia Clark, Moise Pierre, Edward and Nancy Sonia, Althea Henderson, Lisa Swain, Mary Keith, Kevin Williams

Meeting Recap:

Parent introductions were made and Council elections were conducted. Election results are listed below.

Committee Members:

Chair person - Althea Henderson

Co- Chair - Ed Sonia

Secretary - Andrea Weekes Tulloch

Co-Secretary - Tyra Dilworth

Fund Raising Committee:

Niya Wise

Donna Smith

Ice Breaker

Updates

Edith Murnane of Community Servings (CS) talked about CS and their evolution and current services. CS is a non-profit in JP that provides food for people in need and branched off to delivering school meals. CS is interested in feedback from the school and students and has provided the students with surveys. 3 surveys per year are planned. CS runs a fundraiser called "Pie in the Sky". This is their largest fundraiser, in which pies are sold for \$25 each. Interested persons can contact Rebecca Ober, the volunteer coordinator at rober@servings.org.


Words from Principal

Ms. Hwang notified the committee that:

- Trimester one was done and trimester 2 exams will be extended from 90 minutes to 2 hours.
- Parents needed to pick report cards up from the school on Dec 2nd.
- Field trips are going very well and that there are 2 field trips scheduled in December. One to the Aquarium for the 6th grade and the other to the Kelley Ice Skating rink.
- College-themed t-shirts are allowed to be worn to school.
- There were huge gains in terms of practice MCAS in Math for the kids.
- She was shifting focus from demerits to building a more exciting academic program. Her plan is to be in the classrooms more and for Mr. Clark to be around the tutorials more so that they can access progress.
- Kids who want to stay for homework club (HWC) can. Missing and incomplete HW. It will no longer be required to stay for HWC based on 12 weeks of HW data. She is still working on this.

- There is missing slate on stairway on the outer staircase.
- The school will continue to operate from its current location for at least 2 more years, the church hall will be used for space for the adults and that the school is receiving good comments from the neighbors.
- Students and staff with fevers over 100° will need to leave and return when they are 24 hours without a fever. The school has been using lots of Purell throughout the day to help battle germs.

Fundraiser Brief

- One parent suggested to the committee that box top ( the difference i can make.) should be utilized by the school as a fund-raising source. She suggested that a shoe box be placed in each classroom to collect the box top; that students be motivated by displaying a box top chart in the hallway to monitor progress; that a flyer be sent to parents notifying them of the box top kickoff in December 2009 and that incentives could be offered to students for supporting the box top fundraiser. Other suggestions included:

Athletics shirts for students

Creating a blast-off website that retails to receive 90 percent money back

- Other suggestions were:

The “Caprisun” fundraiser where the school receives \$0.02 for each Caprisun pouch collected.

The “Target” fundraiser where there is credit for shopping online

The “Edible Arrangements” fundraiser - the school would receive a discount plus an extra basket free of charge. Each student would be asked to sell 10 tickets at \$1.00 per ticket. The free basket would be for the teachers. A drawing would take place on November 24.

Open Forum

Ms. Hwang asked parents how they felt about their children taking public transportation. The school is not very happy with the service provided by Boston Public Schools (BPS).