

Woodlin PTA

# November General 11/07/2023

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## ATTENDEES

Angie Lai presided, with board members present (Shannon Hepler, Lauren Boylan, Mary Haas, Mario Guzman, Joanna Good/Snyder, Christine Lao-Scott, Hye-Soo Baek, Mikey Franklin, Joel Iams, Helen Zaitsev, Siobhan Chambers)

~50 attendees

Staff/Teachers: Mr. Jackson, Ms. Jones

## AGENDA

### Building Update

1. We'll be in the new building in January
2. Construction currently working 2 shifts to get it done
3. Waiting for approval to send timelines to parents; pushing new directors for direction because staff and parents need to plan
4. We'll move back to Tier one schedule of 9am start and 3:25pm dismissal
5. Unsure who can use building other than KAH outside of school hours
6. Be patient as they work through the new building kinks
7. Mr. Jackson is trying to lobby for an additional day to set up
  - a. A PTA member suggested parents would be able to help, with general agreement. Mr. Jackson isn't sure what will be allowed.

8. Ordered building services

9. Technology

- a. Each classroom/workspace will have a smart board. Each teacher gets a laptop.
- b. Everything in building is new (including trash cans, etc)
- c. Not much will move from W@G to new Woodlin
- d. New kitchenettes and toys
- e. Board expects everything to be top notch

10. Brookeville issues still being worked through

11. Woodlin will request a crossing guard on Brookeville

12. Kids After Hours - Director Andrew addressing their plans

- a. 40-person waitlist right now, waiting to see what the space allows
- b. 7-opening; close-6:30
- c. Committed to serving all families needing care

13. Woodlin CDC will remain at its current location until maybe April 2024

14. Mr. Jackson showed design slides (modular furniture, some spatial renderings and color schemes)

15. Spaces are generally bigger, lots more natural light

16. School will be colorful

17. There will be lockers but don't expect much use

18. We may get a pre-K program in the future

19. Primary (K+1) and 2 second grade classes on first floor; Intermediary classes (3-5) will be on second floor plus the other 2 second grade classes; LFI downstairs?

20.School enrollment continues to increase

- a. We will be full when building opens
- b. 6 shell classrooms in new building that they may need to outfit now to accommodate numbers
- c. future school status may change class sizes if we become a focus school (see [here](#) for info on Title 1 versus focus school status) depending on our FARMS numbers

21.Playground will be ready, school will be fenced along Luzerne Ave.

22.We doubt we'll be used for summer programs this year, but probably in the future

23.Full school assemblies can happen in gymnasium

24. 5th grade graduation should happen at Woodlin

25. Unlikely to be able to schedule or host an open house to allow kids to familiarize themselves with the school prior to the move in January

26.Transportation is working on the new bus routes. We should have information by early December. We will lose some bus routes with the return of walkers.

27.Woodlin CDC is working on getting their bus route worked out.

28.Emphasis is on learning; the goal of new building and amenities are all to facilitate learning and doing your best

### **PTA update**

29.Thank you to volunteers for Harvest Festival and Family Dance

30.Join the PTA and pay dues please

31.Volunteer

- a. Need auction volunteers and international night in particular

- b. General need across events though
32. Snider's receipts collection → need by first week of February
- a. Need help tallying
33. Fundraising
- a. Dash raised \$30,339 plus \$9,250 in sponsorship; maybe more to come
  - b. Auction, need volunteers and donations
34. Dine-Out - Mama Lucia on Thursday 16 November after 4pm - 15%; will be doing that regularly
35. Teacher appreciation holiday cookie event week of 18 December; will solicit baked goods; exploring ideas to support during move
36. International Night - 19 January if we get volunteers - currently not able to support. Pre-pandemic event we would like to bring back. Had been a big potluck with performances/demonstrations. We don't have a coordinator or space at this moment. Open to reinterpretation.
37. Black history month - volunteers needed. Donna Washington is booked as a storyteller on 15 February but tentative; need feedback from teachers.
38. February PTA Meeting - 6 February. Might be virtual.
39. We can host a virtual one in January or December if we need to have one.
40. Skate Night - 24 February - at Rockville Ice Arena. Free for students.
41. STEM day - 2 March - Maybe at the Kids Museum
42. Geography Bee - Packet in January, Quiz in February, Finals in May; will align with the curriculum. Someone asked it be virtual again and Joel confirmed that is the plan.

## **Enrichment**

43. Jo and Shannon brainstorming ideas and asked for people to join them in their quest. They have lots of ideas!