

Burroughs PTA Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2019 6:30-8:30

Officers Present:

Catherine Lipinsky, President

Steve Connelly, Treasurer

Eric Larson, Co-Treasurer

Jennie Hartman, Volunteer Coordinator

Madeline Lohman, Secretary

Minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board, Madeline Hudek

Madeline was here to give information on two master plans they are working on – Southwest Minneapolis parks and Minnehaha Parkway Regional trail. Lynnhurst Park overlaps both. Master plans are a 20-30 year vision for the parks.

Right now, they have two concepts available for most of the Southwest parks. Minnehaha Parkway has four different segments along the creek and within each segment there are focus areas with detailed designs, each has two different concepts. The concepts are online and we are looking for feedback from people on what they like, don't like or what is missing.

To give feedback, fill out either the Southwest or Minnehaha surveys and the information will be shared with both. For most of the Southwest parks, the recreation centers are not going to be changed, but in Lynnhurst, in Concept A, the recreation center stays in the same place, but in Concept B, the recreation center would be moved across the street into the main park.

The creek would be given a remainder, allowing it to curve more. Concept A is less dramatic, Concept B would curve more into the park. In Concept B, the eastern bank would be elevated to prevent flooding. Both concepts would add underground flood storage.

There will also be shifts in the fields we are offering. Right now, there are 6 baseball fields, but both concepts would reduce that and add other kinds of fields.

We are collecting feedback on the two concepts through the end of March. We have an online survey for both projects. After the surveys are closed, the project teams will analyze it and work on a preferred concept, which will be brought back to the community. The community advisory meetings are April 23 and 24, and both are open to the public. Contact Kelly at kwilcox@minneapolisparcs.org or sign up for email updates.

Concept B does include elevating 50th along Lynnhurst to allow for one unpaved and one paved trail to go under the street. There are no cost estimates attached to either concept.

State of the School by Ana Bartl

A few words of recognition: Families for Equity and Justice had another great session – thank you to all participants. Tomorrow is the Read-a-Thon closing ceremony – thank you, Jen Thorp for persevering through the February weather! Thank you, Mr. Hulseby for chipping away at the ice this weekend and last night to keep our sidewalks safe for students.

Minneapolis Public Schools has switched to a budget model called a Predictable Staffing Model, which restores some of what was cut but does give us less flexibility. Burroughs is focusing on Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and Literacy of the four district goals. The goal of Predictable Staffing is that schools have similar staffing between elementary schools.

Burroughs' predictable staffing requirement:

- Principal
- AP
- School Secretary
- Health Service Assistant (32.5 hrs) – a new requirement
- AEs (100 hrs) – last year, we had to reduce our AE time to less than 90 hours; this year, we increased our 30+ hour AEs to 38 hours, are keeping our 10 hour AE for recess, and are able to hire two 25 hour AEs, so all grades will have support
- Social Worker
- Differentiation specialist (half-time) – new requirement
 - Differentiation specialist must have AL training
- \$80-100 per student non-salary – this is what we used to request from Achieve, we will now need to make sure our request meets this target

These are how we allocated money, most of it is restricted for certain purposes:

- Class Size referendum and Class size general
- Comp Ed
- Q comp
- Special Ed, Citywide, ELL
- Other grants, funded projects - \$33,162 is for a special ed resource teaching assistant
- Translation/language line
- Targeted programming

Unrestricted funds

- Basic per student

Requests from PTA/Achieve

We will still be making requests for PTA funding next year:

- \$30,000-40,000 to buy Singapore, M2, and M3 curriculum
- Achieve: \$30,000 to cover two teacher emeritus contracts to provide reading intervention and then an amount for the school operating budget that depends on 2018-2019 carry over

The summary: Everything we currently have stays intact, we have additional AE hours and the continuation of the teacher emeritus contracts to provide targeted support for students at each grade level. We also have the addition of a differentiation specialist that provides support for classroom teachers to plan for differentiation of core instruction. There is no plan yet to add back in the interventionists, but hopefully in future budget years, the district will restore that funding.

Treasurer Update

Steve presented the current PTA budget (see budget slides). We are in pretty good shape – fundraising is about where we expected. Most spending has not happened yet, but it looks to be on target or possibly slightly over budget.

After accounting for both what has already been reimbursed, what has been approved, and over budget items, we have \$2195.34 left in discretionary but there aren't usually big requests at the end of the year, so we should be ok.

Families for Equity and Justice is proposing to add a permanent line item for their work in the budget for next year. They are asking for \$3000 for primarily a) evening activities for parents and families and b) work with 4th and 5th graders out of school to prepare for the transition to Justice Page. We will vote on this next month.

Subcommittee Reports

EZ Bucks, Scripps, and Dining for Dollars have raised over \$3K this school year.

Upcoming events:

- Pizza Luce, March 25
- Bachman's/Tangletown, March 28
- Wise Acre, April TBD
- Café Zupas, April 16
- Bachmans gift cards, April 26
- Lowbrow, April 29
- MyBurger, May TBD
- Chuck E. Cheese, TBD
- Bachman's gift cards, May 24

Mindfulness Update

Mindfulness for Parents will be on Monday March 25, 7-8 pm. Childcare will be provided. Check out the kindness tree outside the cafeteria – all the students participated in creating it. Also, moving forward, mindfulness will need parent volunteers to keep it going, so please talk to Jennie if you are interested.

Read-a-thon Update

Closing ceremony is tomorrow morning. Next week is party week and we need parent volunteers to help with Jonny Pop and pizza parties. It is looking like a very successful year, with funds pledged and in-kind donations, we will raise around \$100,000.

Auction Subcommittee

The venue is booked for next year at the same place, on Friday November 8.

Upcoming Events

The Spring Picnic is Wednesday May 1, we have a much bigger food truck coming this year, we will have the ice cream truck again, and we've moved the half price book fair to overlap.

The Twins Baseball Outing will be Saturday May 11 at 1 pm, so hopefully some of the younger students can attend since it is in the afternoon.