

## Cub Network Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2020

Welcome & Prayer – Mattie Howard

Update of Lower School Building/Questions to Dr. Guenther

- Why hasn't there been any progress on the building in so long? Why is there no communication about the building with the parents?
  - *Issues with roof leaks have been found. Demolition moved more quickly than expected which changed the timeline for ordering materials and moving to the next phase. Contractor has said there will be visible work beginning February 21<sup>st</sup>. Materials are being ordered and staged so once work begins there will not be delays.*
  - *Updates will come out through Mrs. Henry's weekly updates and a webpage dedicated to the building project and updates will be made available.*
- Is the building really going to be finished by the beginning of next school year? How could it possibly be done in time when no progress has been made in months?
  - *Contractor has promised teachers will be able to move in May and we will be ready for the start of the new school year in August.*
- Why aren't we planning for a larger lower school building when we have so many students already? Are there already waiting lists? It seems like we need a larger building to accommodate (very near) future growth, why not build Davidson Hall bigger now?
  - This was not touched on by Dr. Guenther
- What about renovating the upstairs of Derrick-Wolfe to accommodate all of Lower School and making Davidson Hall the Middle School building?
  - *Amy Bawcom - Due to ADA compliance using the upstairs of Derrick-Wolfe is a possibility but it would be much more expensive.*
- Would it be possible for parents to have any input into these building decisions? It seems as if no one is listening to us. Possibly a focus group or round table of parents. (I get this feedback a lot)
  - This was not touched on by Dr. Guenther
- I heard a rumor that there may be a preschool at the Academy. Is this true?
  - *Part of a multi-year strategic plan but nothing certain as of now. We want to develop who we are as a Lower School before we grow into a Pre-School as well. Might be written into the strategic plan for the next 2-3 years.*
- With the decline in boarding students and the continued growth (and interest) in day students, would the board of directors consider changing the direction of SMA?
  - This was not touched on by Dr. Guenther
- What happened to all of the inventory from The Master's School? Specifically, playground equipment (storage containers, balls, sports hoops, etc.) and library books. The parents would like to see more recreation opportunities for the students at recess (several Master's School parents are frustrated that they don't see the things they expected to see available).
  - *Amy Bawcom – some of the inventory was not in a state to make it over here. It was well loved and thoroughly used. The items that did come to SMA were given to the various departments and they have culled through and put into rotation what they felt was usable. If there is something specific you haven't seen it means it has been retired.*
- We have heard that the plan is for kindergarten to remain at Derrick-Wolfe Hall rather than the original plan to house them with the rest of the Lower School in Davidson (if it is completed). This is a personal disappointment to several board members as our children were supposed to be joining their older siblings in the same building next year. We would like some kind of explanation as to why this change was made since it took us by surprise after we had enrolled them for kindergarten.
  - *The plan for Kindergarten is not in stone yet. Administrative team is putting together the strategic plan for the next few years. The plans will be determined by the enrollment. We are currently at 17 enrolled and a determination will be made if we will open a waiting list or a*

*third section (cap is 12 students per section). One of the scenarios is Kindergarten at the new building.*

- Will there be any additions to the playscape and will it remain in the same location?
  - *Mr. McCray is in charge of this part of the project. Current focus is the building and then the playground. Swings and slides are first on the list for consideration but this would also need to include the appropriate surfaces under and around these additions.*
- Is anything being done to address the pick-up route to avoid so many moving cars and moving children? Possibly another road into/out of the campus?
  - *The construction will not block the current traffic flow.*
  - *Adding a road has been discussed but this would be part of a Capital Improvement project with the Board of Trustees and Dr. Guenther's office. This is part of the 10 year strategic plan. Road would go behind baseball and football field and come out behind Davidson Hall where the current dirt road is.*

Approval of Minutes (1/9/20) – motioned by Amy Cesta, and seconded by Aimee Doring.

Financial Report – presented by Amy Bawcom.

- Coins were deposited to wrong account so those have now been moved to Cub Network
- Bear Network Dress Down Days accidentally came to our account so those funds were moved out of our account

Funding Requests

- Amanda Robbins – Librarian – general library supplies and Junior Library Guild
  - Out of approximately 60 boxes of books from Masters School Ms. Robbins was able to use about 3-4 boxes that are now on the shelves of the Lower School library
  - Ms. Robbins will be switching book fair to Follett (from Scholastic) next year. Follett focuses on quality rather than quantity. We receive a number of things from Scholastic that we don't put out for purchase and Follett will allow us more input based on our school values.
  - Motioned by Sarah and Seconded by DeeAnna
- Courtney Baxter – Music – Accompaniment cd for LS Spring Musical
  - Motioned by Meghan and Seconded by Ginna
- Carla Roberts – PE – Supplies for outdoor play and recess
  - Motioned to table the request and share it with parents first and then we can revisit next month to see if there is anything remaining we want to fund
  - Amy Cesta has offered to purchase outdoor storage box(es)

Old Business

- Game Day - Fun was had by all. Kids Night Out was also successful, more to come!

New Business

- Davidson Hall Giving Campaign - Discussion of pledge (see attachment from Amy Bawcom)
- Teacher Appreciation Week - May 4-8 Theme: Discovery (Explore)

**Monday** - Sweet Treats - Home brought goods (sign up genius - Volunteer (Catherine volunteered to coordinate/set up)

**Tues** - Take a Hike - Lunch provided by grade level/2 approved parent to cover each teacher/staff in the lunchroom (Volunteer to coordinate lunch & cafeteria coverage) Lunch starts at 11:20am

K - Napkins/Plates/Cutlery/Decorations; 1st - Apps/Sides; 2nd- Drinks; 3rd - Veg/Fruit; 4th-Dessert; 5th Main

**Wed**- Happy Trails - Trail mix, granola bars, fruit and snacks in the lounge (sign up genius, Setup)

**Thurs -Personal gifts from Cub Network officers.**

**Fri-**Don't feed the bears, but we'll feed you. Coordinate with HRP to do gift cards or home made meals for each class (some teachers have dietary restrictions).

- Cub Network Board - Nominations will be taken in March and voting will be in April for the 20-21 board. If you are interested in sitting on the board, feel free to speak to the current board after the meeting about what it involves.

Events

- Fundraising
  - Cookbook - Deadline to submit recipes is Feb 24th. All funds raised will go toward moving teachers into the new building. We need 200 recipes to print the book on Feb 28th! Projecting costs of \$15 with mailing cost additional.
  - Hat Creek Burger Night: March 9
  - Next Meeting: March 10 @ 2pm
  - Closing/Adjournment – motioned by Jill and seconded by Mattie