

January PTG Meeting
January 12, 2022
6:00 p.m. in Roosevelt Library

2022-2023 PTG Executive Committee

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1. Welcome & Call to Order
2. Review/Approve December Meeting Minutes — APPROVED
3. Guest Speaker, Jeremy Ochse — 6th grade move-up process
 1. How we got here — video explaining how/why SPS has changed the middle school model
 2. John Trayner, professor at GU, did research on high performing middle schools and created design principles. The architecture followed these design principles. Handout about “Middle School Design Work-Group” was passed around.
 3. Middle schools have no hallways — neighborhoods instead. Kids enter school into large common space with glass walls into elective classrooms, instruction happening in real time, learning stairs, natural light. From there, go into neighborhoods that are stacked. There is a staircase in back that connects the neighborhoods, but students do not have to move very far.
 4. Sacajawea is a school steeped in history and tradition. It has a full design team that is looking to create new while honoring the history of the school.
 5. Architecture in gym space and two other fitness areas allows students to be split for lunches.
 6. Timelines and communication — FAQ on website — he has been leading the FAQ based on other meetings like this one. Also building a video on the life of a 6th grader at Garry MS (not new architecture but following design principles). Webinar and PTG meetings. End of Jan/early Feb — will receive targeted letter from school principal and upcoming events families are invited to. Curriculum nights for 5th/6th grade — hear from teachers/admin to learn more. Then Mrs. Conley will visit the middle school to understand more. Then MS admin will visit Roosevelt and meet the students and send home information about registration/schedules. Student-driven scheduling. March — added to MS mailer — Sac News You Can Use — very important to follow along with this because it is the main communication tool for parents. There will be reminders along the way. June — visit the school, get a tour — will not get to go inside Sac because will not have occupancy until the week before school. Sac and Pepperzak are further along than some north-side middle schools. After the tours, there will be information about summer assignments, which are a core value of Sac. There will also be information about clubs, activities, etc. Launch conferences in August — the moment everything comes together.
 7. Registration — displayed example registration form and walked through it. Huge course offerings in 7th grade. Math — no accelerated for 6th grade — want kids to learn how to be a 6th grader, which will be complicated, so not accelerating any 6th graders at the beginning of the year. 6-8 weeks in, teachers will identify if there are students who need acceleration. Research on acceleration is mixed. Goal is algebra-ready by 9th grade for all students. If students accelerate too early, they tend to not choose it by 11th-12th. World language exploratory in 6th grade. Chinese and Spanish offered in 7th grade (high school equivalency available). Salish — offered virtually in the hub across the district. Block schedule vs. 6 periods — teachers will be surveyed on their teaching preference for placement. Could be blocking and teaming to allow students to move less; will depend on principal; will depend on teachers. A lot

harder for Sacajawea to block and team because of funding. Guarantee is that middle schools will get as close to design principles as they can, rigorous core academic experience, robust elective offerings.

8. Athletics — 6th grade — fall cross country, winter Hooptown youth basketball, spring 2-3 intramural (in-house, less competitive) volleyball, flag football, softball, etc. (depends on student preference). Also huge club offering. 7th/8th — a lot more athletics offered.
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4. Principal's Report

1. New staff members — We have had more students this year, so we get more staff. Laura Alvarado — school and community engagement specialist for SW feeder group, helping families find community resources and address barriers to parent involvement. Shawna Allen — new support secretary. Ruth Carlson — ELD teacher; Kayla Waldeck also new this year in ELD.

5. Co-Presidents Report

1. Past Events

1. Jingle and Mingle was on 12/20 — thank you to Stephanie for hosting!
2. Scholastic Book Fair January 23-27, open to families during conferences (26th-27th). Ms. O'Grady will distribute \$600 designated in budget for scholarships. She will put money on an e-wallet for students who need it.
3. Dinner for Teachers During Conferences — Jinny will take the lead on ordering from Ferrante's again. She will have the food delivered on Thursday at 3:30 PM.
4. Movie Night — Rescheduled from January 20th to March 24th — Kelsey Martin and Allison Connelly are chairs for this event. Will probably watch *Sing*.
5. Roosevelt Nigh at the Spokane Indians — Are we interested?
 1. Can do bench (\$6 per ticket) or box seats (\$13 per ticket). Weekday or weekend? — Friday, May 12th, \$6 seats is our preference
6. Missoula Children's Theater — Amy Hook
 1. Watched video promo that was also posted on Facebook earlier this week
 2. February 13-17 — 1st-6th grade students can audition if they have a signed permission slip form. 3:15-5:15 PM Monday audition. Two directors bring everything needed for auditions. Can only take 60 students. We are offering workshops during the week, so if students are not cast, they can participate in that. Monday-Thursday there are two 2-hr rehearsals. Dinner provided on Monday night for students who are staying for both sessions (7-9 students). Friday morning dress rehearsal, show #1 at 1:30 PM for whole school; show #2 at 4:30 PM for families.
 3. 3 Workshops — can include up to 60 children in 3rd-6th grade; will schedule those during the day; need to add two more for \$150 extra.
 4. Hoping to keep cost down through grassroots effort. Ashley and Lindsey hosting them Sunday-Sunday. Marin Ramey will be pianist because we need live accompanist.
 5. Needs:
 1. Someone to turn registrations into a Google doc
 2. Making programs for the show
 3. Purchase 30 individually wrapped snacks because students will come directly from school to rehearsal.
 4. For students coming to both rehearsals, we are asking parents to send them with dinner. But we are working with the school cafeteria to have dinners available.
 5. Provide meals for directors
 6. Coffee cards/snacks for directors
 7. Spearhead video production with company that reached out to Stephanie

8. Day of — possibly setting up chairs
 9. Summary of costs — baseline \$3400, accompanist \$300, DVD licensing \$50, pizza \$75, free dinners \$?, extra workshops, \$150 — total \$4025 (already budgeted \$4400) — we are not funding buses
 10. Lauren is making flyers and a packet
6. Treasurer's Report
 1. Krauss & McGee, 2nd grade, Outdoor Learning Center, \$315 (not all 2nd graders included)
 2. Holcomb, Ball, Temple, Cozza, Hanrahan, 1st grade, Mobius, \$600
 3. Erwin, Lutton, 5th grade, buses and small bites at Feast World Kitchen, \$600
 4. Copy paper, \$65, Ashley Byrne
 7. Next Meeting — Thursday, February 9th, 6:00 PM
 8. Adjourned 7:25 PM