WELCOME AND INTROS

- Welcome by Barb and review of meeting agenda
- Review of last meeting’s minutes by Korri

PRINCIPAL UPDATE BY MR. MORALES

Inclusion is rolling up to 4th grade next year. What will this mean?
- There will be 2 adults in the classroom at all times; either para or inclusion specialist
- Changes school-wide: Another two lunch monitors per lunch period at a 1:20 ratio

Questions and comments:
- Why don’t we have a full-time para?
  - We already do—Ms. McCormack—who serves all grades
- Increased Science and PE from 0.6 to full-time
  - Some money came from ELT time
- Short 18 students from full capacity, which is not unusual especially in 4th and 5th grade district-wide. If we are 5% above projected capacity we get extra budget and if we have 5% less we have budget deducted
  - 5th grade is the most under-enrolled, but also few seats in 1st – 3rd grades
- Can we get volunteer lunch monitors?
  - Yes, if needed – but not counted officially. Can look into other BPS schools that have piloted having parents in the lunchroom

Sensory room being finished now, including installing a rock-climbing wall!

Title I Budget

- “Opportunity Index” - BPS did a study of what students in different neighborhoods have access to in their out-of-school-time hours and Bates’s rating was below the threshold for partnership fund eligibility
  - No funding for City Connects (Mr. Prisbee) through Boston College; cost is @51K
  - Staff have written BPS a letter to appeal this decision
- Title I funds affected:
  - Decrease instructional supply funds from 20K to 12K
  - Substitute fund from 29K to 20K
  - Teacher stipends stay at 5K
8,600 in discretionary funds from Title I to go towards City Connects, but will need to raise the rest and/or convince BPS and/or City Connects to cover the difference

- BEJA (Boston Education Justice Alliance) meeting in a couple of weeks at Madison Park – Nora has flyers to distribute
- Mr. Morales has the name of the BPS partnership office contact if folks want to contact them with questions.
- SPC/SSC will compile a letter from parents similar to the one from students and get to Mr. Morales by Tuesday

**Vote** – We can’t accept or not accept, but this is more of an acknowledgment that we read and Mr. Morales can add additional comments with the budget submission.
- Motion for SSC to convene again on Tuesday to vote, will send a message to BPS that the community is unhappy with this decision

**FAMILY CULTURE NIGHT**
- Last year it was in February and was a potluck with games; very fun and successful and also tried not to put too much on the teachers.
- General feeling that we want to repeat what we did last year, but want to give some room for planning
- March may be better than February
- Nora is very interested in handing over the reins to someone
- Meg and Kristen are joining forces to head up the event and will be in touch with folks soon

**KINDNESS WEEK NEXT STEPS**
- Student Council is being formed by Ms. Drakes and Mr. Hern and they are really excited to work on Kindess Week!
- Kate will connect with Ms. Drakes to move this idea forward with students
- Would like to combine with Family Culture Night in some way – maybe the week leading up to it, with a presentation or showing of student work
- **Everyone likes March – let’s aim for the week of the 5th, with Family Culture Night happening on Thursday, March 8**

**FOX FEST VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**
- Travis will be chairing again
- Looking for more help asking for funds and will be sending out more info soon
- Meg suggests a small but more public event as well to court more “outside” dollars

Next meeting February 13th 2018!