

Travell Home and School Association
General Meeting
Wednesday, April 22, 2021
7 pm

Attendance: J. Vartughian, C. Malloy, M. Romero, L. Anghelone, C. Morbelli, S. Malborg , B. Chaturbedi, J. Kim, K. Ramirez J. Tesseyman, D. Ryan, C.McHugh, A. Rackow, D. Yela, C. Gray, K. Nakasone, N. Joaquim-Ventura, M. Pilla, M. Lembo, L. Depinto

1. President's Report: C. Malloy welcomes everyone and calls the meeting to order.
2. The Travell Tile Mural, we are still collecting the Mandelas from students and staff. We should have them all in by the end of the week. The teachers are very excited about the HSA gifting each staff member a tile so that they can participate as well as all of the students. This gift of each tile is being donated by the HSA in honor of our Teacher Appreciation Week. We wanted to do something special since we cannot decorate doors again this year. We are inviting staff to color in their own Mandela since it lets them *give a piece of their heart on the wall, like they've given to our kids over the years*. We are looking for volunteers to help install the wall, any tile experts would be very helpful.
3. Teacher Appreciation: Teacher Appreciation Week is next week, April 26-April 30th. D. Ryan reports as the chair. We will be decorating both the front and teacher entrance on Monday and hosting a breakfast in the teacher's lounge. Tuesday we will be giving out the 4th grade "Grab and Go" gifts that are cute clear bottles with lemonade mix in them and a note card of thanks. Wednesday will be a catered lunch by Ikes Big Mouth. Thursday we will be gifting each staff member a box of homemade cookies/treats made by some Travell families. Friday each staff member will get a \$5 gift card to Starbucks. Christine Malloy set up Kudoboards for teachers so kids can write them notes. Also, in lieu of

decorating each classroom door we will be gifting each staff member a tile for our Travell Tile Mural.

4. Green Team Update: Green Team Initiative begins movement “Idle Free at Travell,” in enews there is a pledge asking people not to idle their cars at school. If you sign the pledge you will get a special green magnet. Also, Mr. Ross approved Travell as a CSA pick up site.
5. Outdoor Book Fair: J. Vartughian reports, we are coordinating an outdoor book fair in May. This will be coordinated with a volunteer fair as well so that all volunteer options are easy to understand and access. This would allow new families to really meet new people and also get to know who to become more involved in the Travell Community.
6. Patricia Engel Virtual Author Visit and Fundraiser for Parents June 7, 2021 from 7 to 8:30 pm. D. Yela reports, Patricia Engel, is an alumnus of Travell School, she will lead a discussion and answer questions about her best-selling book, Infinite Country. We are partnering with the bookstore the Curious Reader, and books are available to purchase through [Community Pass/Tiger pass](#). After your purchase you will receive the zoom invite for this very special event.
7. Guest speaker of the meeting was Lauren Depinto, District Coordinator of School-based Mental Health services. Ms. Depinto spoke about helping our children with transitions, whether your child is switching teachers or coming back to school, she offered strategies to reduce anxiety and stress.
8. Board of Ed Report: M. Lembo, our BOE President reports, he stresses the importance of social and emotional health after hearing Ms. Depinto’s talk and question/ answer session. Budget presentation was last Monday and we are having the next public meeting on Monday, April 26th and the budget will be voted on. If you missed it you can watch the YouTube Channel or you will receive a mailer. The search for a High School Principal and Ridge Principal is underway. We are hoping to be done with the High School Principal search by the end of the month and then will focus on the Ridge School. All of the BOE meetings are now open to the public

but will still be aired. There is a Bike Rodeo that will take place at Graydon, you can find info on that on community pass. Disability Awareness Week is this Week, and we are very happy to see kids in their Maroons Wear.

9. Diversity and Inclusion Update: N. Joaquim-Ventura, All 2nd to 5th Graders at Travell participated in the Ruby Bridges Author Visit coordinated by Mrs. A and our enrichment team. We provided a resource guide to Mr. Ross and all staff to make it a more enriching experience for the kids. The Story Walk was officially started. We are partnering with the Curious Reader and will have a new book each month for kids to read. Our next book will be in mid May. Other schools have begun to adopt this as well which is very exciting. We have banners around our perimeter to promote our Story Walk. We will also be providing resources on our website as well to help parents have discussions with their children. We are hoping to have a morning message spotlighting all spring holidays.

10. International Expo: D. Yela. The wheel was reinvented this year due to Covid-19, We kicked off March 9th and will end the weekend of May 21st. Each country will be highlighted on the weekends. 19 countries are participating and are available virtually. Each country has Google slides and will have a type of performance.

11. 2021-2022 HSA Executive Board Vote, C. Malloy:

The following is the 2021-2022 Board Slate, C.Malloy announces all of the following nominees. She held a vote and all were unanimously voted onto the board. She congratulates each one.

Co-Presidents: Jessica Vartughian and Nancy Joaquim-Ventura

Vice Presidents: Kelly Nakasone and Meg Agatep

VPs Fundraising: Jahae Kim and Kim Ramirez

VPs Enrichment: Liz Henky and Beenu Chaturbedi

Treasurer: Stacy Malborg

Assitant Treasurer: Cat Gray

Technical Secretary: Jennifer Tessayman

Recording Secretary: Denise Ryan

12. **Officer's Reports:**

-Vice Presidents: Laura Anghelone and Marisol Romero:

Request for May notes to send to class parents.

-VP's Enrichment: B. Chaturbedi,:

Mr. Ross gave the green light for the first week of May for an enrichment program that discusses the exploration of Mars. We will be hosting an engineer from NASA to talk about the Mars exploration. We would also like to make sure we include our Travell kids who are in school for the duration of the year at Willard.

-VP's Fundraising : J. Kim and K. Ramierz, We had a successful clothing drive, thank you to everyone who participated. Our calendar raffle is going well and we live stream a winner pick each week on Mondays, but we will have a new time that will be consistent and will announce soon. We will also announce the winners since not all people are on Facebook. We are still selling the magnets. The Park Wood Deli no cook dinner, we have 20 orders so far but are hoping for more since they will take orders until 10 am tomorrow. We are also working on our Spring/Summer Travell Wear, it will include items such as hats, beach towels etc.

-Treasurer's Report: C. Morbelli and S. Malborg

Fundraising income is at approximately \$22,000. Enrichment expenses are approx.: \$7,000,(but this will increase with the cost of the purchase of the books and Ruby Bridges). Our operating expenses are just over \$9,000. We have made a total of \$450 on the sale of the magnets. We also have \$350 for wall tiles(we asked families to contribute if they were able to). We are also waiting for a check from Porch Light.

12. C. Malloy and J. Vartughian, thank everyone for their time and say goodnight to all.

Meeting is adjourned at 9 PM.
Minutes respectfully submitted by
Denise Ryan