

The nominating committee was made up of:

Katie Caste (representing the PTA Council Board)

Christine Neavin (representing Jefferson Elementary)

Christina Bataglia (representing Hoover Elementary)

Joyce Divine (representing Howe Elementary)

and myself, Bonnie Dougherty (representing Mellon Middle School)

The nominating committee held an emergency meeting on Monday, May 22 in an attempt to fill the recent vacancies on the PTA Council Board for the offices of President and Treasurer.

For the office of Treasurer, we emailed the members of PTA Council and the incoming and outgoing PTA presidents asking for nominations for the office of Treasurer. We received three nominations.

- One candidate politely declined as she had committed to other positions for the upcoming school year and feels strongly about keeping those positions.
- The second candidate would appreciate a bit more time to consider the position. She is a strong candidate who has served as the treasurer for her unit PTA and it is the consensus of the nominating committee that we provide her with the time that she needs in order to make her decision.
- The third candidate has declined at this time. As a member of the nominating committee, and under these circumstances, she feels that it is a conflict of interest. Additionally, she feels that the second candidate is more experienced and would be a better fit for the position. With that being said, she would be willing to reconsider should the second candidate decide not to accept the nomination.

We would like to thank Jennie Bhojwani for agreeing to fill the role of treasurer while our potential nominee makes a decision on whether or not she would like to accept the nomination.

Due to the current bylaws, the office of President must be filled by someone who has previously served as a member of the PTA Council. To gather nominations for this office, we emailed every person who served on the PTA Council for the past ten years. A copy of that email along with a complete list of the people that we contacted will be included in the Nominating Committee binder.

The results were rather mixed

- 3 emails were returned as unable to be delivered
- 8 people did not reply to our email
- 12 potential candidates politely declined (though it is worth noting, many of them offered to help the person who does take the job)
- 3 candidates offered to step in if necessary, but really weren't interested in taking the position otherwise.

The nominating committee strongly believes that we should wait until the bylaws have been amended to present a nominee for the office of President. We see this position as an opportunity to advocate for students of all ages with members of the school board, members of central administration and with PTAs across the district. While we appreciate the willingness of past PTA council board members to step in to help in this situation, we feel that it would be better to give all potential candidates the opportunity to think about the opportunity to serve as the PTA council president and either volunteer or be nominated in September.

We would like to thank Moira for agreeing to fill the role of president until one can be elected in the fall after the bylaws have been revised.

Respectfully Submitted on 5.24.2017