

Minutes of the PTA BOD Meeting
Held November 9th, 2016 at 7pm
Waverly Elementary School Media Center

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

October meeting minutes approved.

Introductions of attendees

Nancy Pitrone	Mary Levinshon-Klyap
Saral Patel	Scarlett Goon
Kelly Van Horn	Jonathan Sanborn
Karyn Peluso	Rachel Edoho-Eket
Ellie Paczkowski	Xiuru Sun
Cris Boarman	Kathy Jacobs
Bernadine Zissu	Nicki Mantzouris
Kelly Balchunas	Ernestine Wright-Palmer
Tracy McEvoy	Shari Haddaway

President's Report

Kelly Balchunas

Pleased with membership numbers. Saral to report with more details.

Principal's Report

Kathy Jacobs

Looking forward to American Education Week. Please feel welcome to visit any day next week. Monday is an official day just for purposes of avoiding tests or other things of that nature.

Mrs Jacobs met with Chad Porter, who oversees construction, and Greg Ramirez, the superintendent with Hess Company. They are very proactive, communicative and wanted to let us know that next week there will be another contractor coming that will require larger construction vehicles on school grounds. These vehicles can't come in during (arrival and dismissal) restricted hours. Other times there is a possibility of the larger construction trucks coming and going. There will be an increase in noise level between 4th and 5th grade due to demolition. Sediment fences are up if you are coming from the neighborhood. A snow fence will also be put up along the gravel roadway. Apologies because the plan was to use the gravel roadway but that is no longer the case and needs to be avoided. There is going to be a push bar put on the fence for emergency purposes - if needed to exit school property in an emergency situation. Excavation is starting this week and continuing into next week resulting in increased noise. Waverly now has a bus coming to pick up previous walkers impacted by the construction.

The gym is not open for public use currently.

Question : How can the population in this area increase so much? Answer: We are a highly regarded school system. We are relatively close to Baltimore and Washington. Government employees. Route 1 much construction and Montgomery Rd and westward along route 40 increased construction. There are schools in the western part of the county that are not at capacity. However, it has not been popular to redistrict to the western part of the county.

This construction does not allow us to take on 100s more students. We are already over capacity now and the construction will accommodate this.

Assistant Principal's Report

Rachel Edoho-Eket

Staff and students have enjoyed the post auction activities. Looking forward to hosting the Japanese Delegation who will be looking and working with the Smart Boards (Thurs. Nov 10th).

In early December CogAT testing will take place in grades 3 and 5. CogAT is just one of the criteria for GT placement.

Picture retake day is Nov 29th.

Report cards are coming on the 15th and typically MAPP scores are sent home at that time. Currently Waverly has not been sent the MAPP reports.

Teachers Report

Shari Haddaway

Thank you for the Halloween parties.

For the PTAs information - Miller Branch library hosts/holds special events and has a pajama party option where they will come to the school - Stacey Friedman, children's librarian, is the contact. Kelly Balchunas will look into this.

The Green School Committee will begin juice pouch collection in the cafeteria.

Collecting the juice pouches for recycling is a way to acquire money for green school committee projects and green school staff activities.

Green School budget is currently \$500.

There is a glue stick recycling box in the PTA room. Glue sticks used in school are recycled. Glue sticks (all brands) can also be sent in from home.

Treasurer's Report

Saral Patel

1. Membership update. Since October we have 47 additional members. Total members 457 (378 family and 79 staff). Collected \$9195 in donations (budget is \$11,750). Collected \$4782 in membership (budget is \$5500). Perhaps we can hit our budget with one last push. There are still several committee chairs who have not joined the PTA. You must be a member to serve on a committee
2. IA update \$4959 allotted, \$515 has been used for 9 staff members.
3. PTA Council of HC dues were paid
4. PTA Council of HC Scholarship Fund donation was sent in \$150
5. Bounced check was received

6. Vendor Payment Policy reviewed - if you have to pay a vendor, please do not pay with cash. We need to pay with a check for budget purposes. Also, be sure you have a receipt for tracking purposes.
7. Cash Box Policy reviewed - Committee chairs need to request funds in advance. PTA is not supposed to write CASH for checks to cover expenses. No checks can be written for cash.
8. Large funds deposit policy reviewed - Use the forms off of the PTA website. Committee chairs, please review these forms.
9. Fall Fest Wrap Up - THANK YOU to everybody! Everybody onsite, planning, parental support, etc . . .

I have attached the expense reports from fall fest as of today. They do not include:

Income

\$700 checks I deposited today from auction and vendor sales

\$320 check for principle for the door due to check issue

\$20 check for ticket sales that was written to "only one dollar..."

Would make Income total \$14,241.45

Expenses

\$96.30 cash was paid to Vocelli's

\$425 cash paid to Kristy Myers

Would make Expense Total \$6072.48

My calculation would be a surplus of \$8,168.97!!!

10. General budget usage

Council Delegate's Report

Nicki Mantzouris

Meeting began at 7:30

Minutes were accepted, with some minor edits

Brightminds - Lisa Terry

brightminds.org

- Howard County school foundation, supports education for all county students
- Major programs include
 - grants that teachers can apply for, ranging from \$500 - 2000
 - Bridging the Digital Divide, giving laptops to those that cannot afford them
 - Driving Student Success - allows for extra after school buses in 6 schools
 - Scholarship programs

New graduation requirements

- now considering individuals, rather than having students as part of a cohort
- look for the online course catalog
- Students need 21 credits to graduate
- New: students need 4 math credits, not 3
- Testing information changes
 - now have different requirements depending on when the student takes the course

- e.g. if the student took Algebra 1 prior to 2016-17, PARCC and MSA were scored only; after 2016-17, students must PASS the PARC
- Same for English 10
- Biology/Science - transitioning to Integrated Science Assessment
- Government - must pass Government HSA
- Scores change as well (passing requirements score)
- Other pathways to graduation
- Combined score options
- Bridge plans
- project-based learning
 - option only after assessment failure and participation in supports

Superintendent's Report

11/14 - Presentation at Homewood School - digital safety

1/18/17 - Voices for Drug Free Community - Wilde Lake HS, partnering with police and health department

Federal Impact Aid forms due 11/18

Discipline in School Diversity - Advanced Placement

- Disparity/racial bias begins in preschool
- big disparity in advanced math - black students make up 22% of students, but only 9.61% in advanced math
- drop in percentage of black students in advanced math as students advance to middle school
- black students 7x more likely to be suspended (see Baltimore Sun report)
- PTACHC website will have more details and statistics

Adequate Public Facility Ordinance (AFPO)

- See included notes
- PTACHC made a motion to support a capacity of 100% for schools, and to include high schools in APFO test

Nicky is the lone Council Delegate. We are still looking for another volunteer to fill the other Council Delegate position!

Committee Reports

Cultural Arts

Ellie Paczkowski

Mrs Jospheon has decided not to pursue an author visit this year.

Science Fair has not been scheduled.

Field Day assembly looks like AcroAir.

Directory/Handbook

Olga Zavialova

Karyn Peluso pointed out HCPS has a print shop. Olga visited the facility. If we provide the paper, then HCPS will print the directory for us. Will be a great deal cheaper. Mrs. Jacobs has approved the directory. The class lists have been removed from the directory this year. No longer permissible to share that information.

Olga will determine the number of families to receive the directory, figure out the amount of paper required for all families, order the paper and then take the directory to be printed. Once delivered to HCPS for printing - should be about a week to complete. The print shop will do a heavier card stock cover, if we provide the card stock.

Fall Fest

Mary Levinshon-Klyap

Went so well!!!! Thank you to the Executive Board, administration, teachers and attendees. Games were amazing. Turn out was great. Feedback was great. Weather was great. It was fun to do!

Thinking ahead . . . Mary will not be here to chair Fall Fest.

Family Enrichment

Mary Levinshon-Klyap

Winter dance is coming up. Looking for a date in January. Planning to have a back up date for snow/weather. Kid Council will help with generating theme and advertising. Family enrichment will also organize the end of year picnic. Family Enrichment has also been involved with Screen Free Week (SFW) in past years. Interest has wained in SFW. The committee is wondering if we want Family Enrichment to continue their involvement with SFW?

Consider Pottery Stop as a Family Enrichment activity during SFW.

National SFW is May 1-7. That does not have to be our SFW. However, if our school participates, a date does need to be decided for Gail Bates' office.

SFW can be seen as archaic by some. Perhaps Family Enrichment could do something with exercise instead - a wellness activity. Or a Green School activity around Earth Day.

Ms. Jacobs is potentially open to doing something other than SFW. Anyone on Family Enrichment should speak to committees and come up with option to replace SFW. Kelly Balchunas will reach out to Gail Bates.

PARCC is the week of April 22nd. Kid Council will be involved with the new Green School activity. Goon, Haddaway, Carr & Loomis are teachers/BOD members involved with Green School.

Also, Kid Council could be involved in planning Spirit Days. Would be great to tie Spirit Days to student's strengths. Mrs. Jacobs can give a list of previous Spirit Days to Mary. Mary and Mrs. Jacobs will meet to discuss possible theme days.

Holiday Shoppe

- 8 boxes have shipped containing everything needed for the event. They are set to arrive Monday, Nov 14 and will be stored in the PTA room. The front office has been contacted regarding delivery of boxes.
- The custodians have also been contacted and will be provided layouts for the tables.
- The gym and the cafeteria have been reserved. Aftercare has been contacted.

- Outside vendors have been set up. Continuing to look for outside vendors especially unique crafts
- Liesl will be contacting Saral for petty cash and pizza check closer to event.
- Pizza and water will be available for sale
- Next week a signup genius will first be sent to those who have expressed interest in being involved in the event. It will be sent to the community at large to fill gaps (Liesl will send the link to Tracy McEvoy & Kelly Balchunas)
- Liesl will handle updating the display case
- Event hours begin at 5:30, not 5PM

Party Coordinators

Karyn Peluso

The PTA purchased the snack for the Halloween party. Everything was purchased from Weis. Thanks to Bernie Zissu for helping Karyn pick up and deliver everything. Party Coordinators committee came in under budget for Halloween. Looking ahead to Valentine's Day - need to determine a food or craft. Will not be able to do both. \$1050 available for Valentine's Day.

Reflections

Everything is on track. Participation is a bit down (maybe 15 fewer kids). Thank you to teachers and Mrs. Jacobs for supporting Reflections.

Wellness Committee

Looking for music to be able to play during Fitness Friday. It is not as exciting to circle around the bus loop - music may increase the excitement factor. Is there something on school grounds to use for fitness Friday music? Speak to Mrs. Naill, Mr Lucas, Mrs Heisey and/or Mr Chakrian - they are typically most involved with school's speaker.

New Business

Fun Run

31 people expressed interest in helping with Fun Run on the PTA volunteer form. Karyn contacted all 31. Of 31 contacted; half responded. Of those, 4 people were willing to come to a meeting. Karyn will also reach out to the Wellness Committee. Those interested in helping with Fun Run will meet next week and start talking and see what happens/what they come up with. Have heard that permits are the most challenging part (permits for running through neighborhood, if that is decision).

Is the goal of Fun Run to see if this can become a fundraiser or is this a budget neutral event? Initially discussed this is to be a budget neutral event with goal being to get the community involved. However, since Fall Fest may not occur next year and is in no way a guarantee, we need to see if this can be a fundraiser. Would be great if this could become a fundraising event. Mixed thoughts as to whether kids should be charged (and receive a t shirt) to run/participate or if it should be free. Considering early May for Fun Run. Possibly a Fiesta Fun Run.

Old business

Perhaps there could be a safeguard when students come in with large amounts of cash to put on their school lunch account. Perhaps a note could accompany cash deposits to lunch accounts. Mrs Jacobs will look into this.

What's the purpose of having snack? Snack is a school system policy. The school can not decide on it's own to not have snack.

Adjourn