

PTA BOD Meeting – February 11, 2014

Opening and Presidents Report– Dani Boarman

1. Thank You's:
 - Hospitality committee for planning the upcoming teacher dinner and being very flexible and creative.
 - Book Fair committee and all those who volunteered and shopped.
 - Kate for the sign
 - Micky for setting out assembly date for Keys of Reading, March 14th.
 - Robyn Peters for the updates to the website.
 - Kathy Masters for all her work in keeping the volunteers supplied for all the various events going on.
 - Family Enrichment for the planning of our Neon Family Dance
 - Cultural Arts for continuing to provide assemblies and programs.
 - Liz, Stacey, and Micky for stepping up to be the NomCom committee.
 - Stacey and Jamie for planning and coordinating everything for the Valentine's parties.
 - I know many of you are working, planning and helping, so thank you for everything.
2. Volunteer Opportunities:
 - a. Some areas that could use some help:
 - i. Jump Rope for Heart
 - ii. Neon Family Dance
 - iii. coming soon: Kindergarten Registration
3. Next year:
 - a. NomCom is formed
 - b. Still in the process of determining our openings. If you have not told me what you would like to do or not do for next year, please do ASAP.
 - c. We definitely have needs. Some include **VP positions**. VP positions are truly a position that assists and helps out the President and Board as needed. There are only 2 specific responsibilities of the VPs, and that is Screen Free Week and Staff Appreciation Week.
 - d. Other areas:
 - i. Council delegate

Minutes to review – no comments - approved

Principals Report - Thank you for the valentine's party – the kids enjoyed it. International day was a huge success – thank you for all of the help. Ice cream social was amazing a huge success with large attendance. Book fair was nicely organized. Children loved the books and the ice cream. Jump rope for the heart really big this year. We are one of the top schools for participation. Kindergarten registration is coming up – please let friends and neighbors know to come and register to help identify staffing needs. Interim report cards are coming up soon on the 27th. MSA is coming in March. Science fair and stem night coming soon. 4th and 5th graders are required to participate in the Science Fair; their participation helps them to be prepared for future MSA science testing. Neon dance coming soon. If schools close on Thursday, conferences will be held on an as needed basis. Contact your teacher if you feel it is needed. In the event of a school closing, plans for rescheduling Thursday's Jump Rope for the Heart will be made.

Assistant Principals Report – Not present

Vice Presidents Report – Not present

Treasurers Report – \$28,998.45 in the checking account. Not a lot of activity in January – no deposits. Book fair monies to be deposited in February. Lots of activity in cultural arts. Many teachers have not submitted reimbursements.

Teacher Representative – Not present

Council Delegate Report - BOE members want feedback on policy from the public – good or bad. Field trips, student activity trips, and foreign travel policies all up for review. BOE hcpss email address (send feedback to). We have used all 5 snow days – Wednesday June 18th currently last day. February 20th is curriculum education session at Oakland mills. Discussed universal pre-k programs funding for state 4.3 million. President of HCEA was there (union president for teachers) and a panel of teachers and they wanted to have a discussion about a partnership of teachers and parents but focused on teacher evaluation system. Mrs. Jacobs clarified how the new evaluation system works. The panel expressed that teachers would like more planning time during the day. 65% of taxes in Howard County go towards Education (including libraries and HCC) please go vote for your BOE members when vote comes up.

Committees Report –

Book Fair – sold over \$16,000 in books. Purchased 1200 in books for media center. Thank you for all the volunteers. All were a huge help. Thanks for the teachers to reading. Thank you to custodians for help with setup and clean up. PTA made \$3700 in cash. Back order books may be a little delayed with weather. Rolling over \$1200 in scholastic dollars for next year. May offer this to teachers (catalog includes rugs, flip charts, etc.)

Family Enrichment – needs volunteers – 185 RSVP already. Serving pizza and petty cash. Capping it at 350. Flyers go out tomorrow in folders.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

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