

## PTA BOD Meeting – September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### Presidents Report –

1. **Thank yous:** There are so many people working hard each and every day.
  - a. Jen LeBrun and the Cultural Arts committee working on the planning of assemblies.
  - b. Olga with getting things started with the Directory.
  - c. The Family Enrichment committee for the Back to School picnic and the planning of Fall Fest.
  - d. Hospitality for the luncheon for staff the week the teachers were back.
  - e. Micky and Kim: thanks for being on top of the mail.
  - f. Christy and Jennifer with Reflections
  - g. Jamie for planning our upcoming dining out events.
  - h. Kate for always updating the sign.
  - i. Robyn for keeping us all update on the website
  - j. Thanks to those of you who helped with the stuffing of folders.
  - k. Thanks to those that are helping out with planning our Auction.
  - l. Stacey and Cindy for starting the process for Backpack Buddies.
  - m. Those of you who stepped up to help in the planning of Fall Fest.
  - n. I know many of you continue to work behind the scenes on many of the events to come, thank you so much!
2. PTA Procedures: (procedures document). If anyone needs a tour of the PTA room/copy room, etc...
3. Input:
  - a. Tae Kwon Do letter: Local business looking to have us advertises and if people join we will receive an amount of money per registrant. Is this something we would like to do?
4. New Development:
  - a. I received a letter of notification of a proposed new community to be built where the Post Office is. There is a pre planning type meeting scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>. I will send the information out in one of my emails as well.
5. PTA packet: PTA packets went home. Please be sure to turn in your membership dues.
6. Upcoming dates (see agenda)
7. Review of PTA rules and procedures.

Minutes to review – None

Principals Report – Thank you for the luncheon – everyone really enjoyed. Great seamless start for the year. Morning routine going well. Buses getting better. One bus still consistently late – being worked on. Looking forward to back to school nights. GT presentation really is intended for anyone who would like to attend K-5. Speaks about all enrichment programs for our students. Three major areas the school will focus on this year are performance, rigor, engagement (staff and school) as per the superintendent. Staff has developed school improvement plans in support of these areas. For students focusing on 5<sup>th</sup> graders a survey about engagement, hopefulness and wellbeing. More info on HCPSS website. County wide all elementary schools are beginning a new vocabulary program replacing words their way. Focuses on word patterns and the emphasis also on the vocabulary piece. More information on that at back to school nights. Map testing will continue this year. Map testing schedule on the

HCPSS website for general testing periods. Looking forward to a great year. Map 3 times – Parc twice MSA for fifth grade science and cogat for fifth grade.

Assistant Principals Report – Not present

Vice Presidents Report – No Report

Treasurers Report – budget \$23,617.80 approved in General PTA meeting at the beginning of the school year. Check for yearbook for our portion was \$2400. Some expenses for back to school picnic, paid auditor for review of books. Auction year so income coming in for that. Fall fest is different – hopeful that it will pay for itself. Otherwise budget similar to last year. Please review budget and your account for accuracy.

Teacher Representative – Not Present

Council Delegate Report

- Discussion PTACHC Concerns. Disconnect between PTACHC and Dr. Foose. Had a meeting for PTA presidents, but PTACHC president was not invited. Had MD PTA president present in an advisory role. Vice president of council made a motion for an Executive session. Motion denied. Session remained open. Discussion about lack of response from Dr. Foose and BOE regarding the letter sent by Ann DeLacey, BOE member to the MD state PTA.(Letter attached) Ellen Giles and Sandra French addressed and said there was no response because the BOE has not been in session, however her views do not reflect those of the BOE as a body and that Ms. Delacey should have signed her letter as a private citizen and not used her title as a BOE member.
- BOE report Capital budget was presented last Thursday. Increased enrollment over projections. Also mentioned Calendar committee has been formed. Besides the usual school year planning, there are talks by the comptroller for the state of Maryland, Peter Franchot, to make it a law that no school in Maryland can begin before Labor Day. He cites financial reasons. Discussions will begin in October. Keep your eyes open :)
- HCEA report small task forces forming to meet with parents about concerns. Look on social media and their website HCEANEA.org
- Dr. Foose. Introduced key members of her staff. Cited that 53,000 students were enrolled in Howard County public schools on the first day. 6 elementary schools opened with the new model(on the website)

Other points of interest included:

-HCPSS Math Support Center on website(under curriculum section)

-phase 2 start/end times of the school day has started and transportation is now involved.

-there have been changes in the discipline policy. More attempts to foster and acknowledge positive behaviors. More opportunity for administrative discretion.

-staffing 52% of new hires had previous experience. 43% were HCPSS grads.

-HCPSS.ORG updated New school websites. All uniform. Website has a mobile design. Dr. Foose has a blog.

-Policy committees will attempt to have remote participation.

-Flu mist will be offered in elementary and middle schools  
-This will be the last year for using Aspen. Another more user-friendly program will be in place next year.

There will be a forum on October 12th for BOE candidates and hopefully county executive candidates from 4-6 location TBD

#### Committees Report –

Directory – good start. Will take some time but will be published when?? Cover theme to be determined. Looking into possibility for e-directory vs printed directory.

Reflections is kicking off – theme is “the world would be a better place if...”

Backpack Buddies – Waverly will collect and deliver food for head start students once a month. Each grade will have a designated month to donate non-perishable foods. Food will be collected in homerooms. Starts September 17<sup>th</sup> with 5<sup>th</sup> grade. DANA ADD SCHEDULE in the Minutes

Fall fest October 11<sup>th</sup> – 11 to 4. Sign up genius out there for baked goods and cakes for cake walk. Entertainment, martial arts, demonstrations, games, cake walk, making of scare crows – need straw and men’s long sleeve shirts. If anyone has a source for straw please let the committee know. We can pay or happy for donations. Need better quotes for a DJ. We will need lots and lots of parent volunteers. People to man games, at the bake sale. Asking Marriott’s ridge and MT Hebron high school students to sign up to volunteer. Need volunteers for face painting. Will sell tickets for games and activates. Will do a presale of tickets. Also need a food truck for the event – if anyone knows of one contact committee

Holiday shoppe needs to pick a date – proposed date is either November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> with no gym... maybe no adult vendors – or December 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>. People prefer 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps adult vendors in the library...

#### Old Business - None

#### New Business –

Screen Free week – need to pick a week –technical week is week of staff appreciation – we want to do a different week. Proposed week of April 12<sup>th</sup> 2015. Staff appreciation will be week of May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Karate – do we want to allow new business to allow Waverly students to sign up for two week trial period and then have that \$10 fee donated to Waverly.

Discussed new vendors offering entertainment at Fall Fest.

New proposed development where Waverly post office is. 34 single family/townhomes. Community meeting scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm at Miller Branch library.

PTA packets went home last weekend. We all must be members of the PTA - all board of directors and committee members must be members – please join.

September 30<sup>th</sup> – Soft Stuff for our first dining out.

Waverly students 755 this year including rec. 560 youngest and only.

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