

## PTA General Meeting Minutes March 4<sup>th</sup> 2014

Welcome – President (Heather Helm)

PTA Minutes – approved and seconded (Dianna Helt)

Treasurer's Report - (Tracey Gellerman) Parent's Night out made \$3,889.86 Taxes will be done by 4/15

Administration Report (Mrs. DeCrispino) – Thank you for supporting the request for funding for our addition. There is an addendum being created right now, there is going to be a review of the 'shared' spaces, vestibule (will add walls where guide robes are currently set up to follow new guidelines), we will be getting new playgrounds.

The money is not 100% yet. Board meeting is on July 8<sup>th</sup> at Board of Education Greenwood building E. Our funding will be approved at this meeting.

Spring Break

Kindergarten rounds up Wed 4/9 – we will have 5 kindergartens next year. 1/19 or 1/20 ratio for K (1<sup>st</sup> grade maybe 1/25) We expect to see 5 of each grade in future when we have a 700 seat school.

Mrs. Schepp and Mrs. Lapriola were both nominated for Outstanding Teacher Awards

April 11<sup>th</sup> Catonsville School assembly (students only)

Tues 4/22 STEM fair for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade (3<sup>rd</sup> is welcome too if interested)

Natalie Swanson and Maryann Ikenberg are both retiring.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> assembly

We have a single vacancy at this time. We may have 2 additional at a later time.

Teacher's Report – (Ms. Beth Allen) field day is coming up in May and we need parent volunteers May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

April 23<sup>rd</sup> Administrative assistant's day

April 24th Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

Finishing report cards – will go out on the 10<sup>th</sup> – if you want a conference check the box to request

Talent show was on Friday. Great turn out.

Picture Day is tomorrow 4/2

## Committee Reports:

President Report – thank you to the nominating committee, wants to encourage us to ‘like’ the WES PTA it’s a great site, up to date, very good information on there, Angie McLean had asked to come to talk up the Catonsville Middle School PTA but she is not here.

Food Nights – Yvette Belt

Bob Evans check is here for \$274

Chick Fil et will be on Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup> (You need the form/slip)

Sweet Frog will be on Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup> (You need the form/slip)

Nomination Committee – Ms. Allen & Mrs. Mosher

Karen Hoagland may be interested in being recording secretary & All other positions are filled

Spirit Wear – Patti Schwartz WES car magnets \$3 already sold 47 of them. Spirit Wear is going out next week. Orders again in May.

Box Tops – Bernie Mosher – contest is going great. She is seeing much more participation. Was \$255 Jan / \$612 since then which will go into next year’s fund since it’s past the March 1<sup>st</sup> cut off for this school year. \$1,934 - \$130 for prizes and TBD postage. Great fund raisers.

Labels for education 1100 points (\$11) at the beginning of the year – thanks to bonus program so we have now \$114 worth of prizes/ materials that the teachers can get.

Cultural – Christina assembly on 5/11 about allergies

the “Bike Rodeo” is going to be booked for Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 3pm-6pm

Kids Clubs – Jenn Taylor – next year there will be a discount to those who can do some parent volunteering to take attendance.

Beautification & Green School – April Benson & Amy Kelly (not here); They are going to do a pollinator garden and a native plant garden and looking for volunteers. Will do a clean-up event around Earth Day right after spring break. The idea is that they will have 1 bed for each class, 2 plants for each bed, they will learn about the plant & identify the plant to be able to pull anything else in there because it’ll be a weed. Maybe some partnership with Mrs. Santos to do a mosaic. Mr. John Shirk has agreed to (and we hope that it will get done) to dig out the front beds which are full of poison ivy, invasive strawberries, and weeds. We are hoping that they can clear that. Then we can get a price to have a landscaper dig the beds, then the kids can take it from there. (Berkowitz will be the teacher’s rep for the green school) We need money. Grant writing help wanted. Also anyone who has middle & high school student volunteer hours. Ms. Walsh can help gather that information.

Yearbook – no updates; pages are due to the publisher in April 15<sup>th</sup> Jen Taylor will add a ‘drop box’ link on the web site so that parents can add photos to share toward the yearbook.

Membership – Kim not here

Book Fair / Book Night – Jenn Taylor - Set up Friday May 2 – until May 15<sup>th</sup> / May 8<sup>th</sup> is ‘BOOK NIGHT’ – volunteers needed for sales during school day as well as during book night.

Relay may provide snacks that night and have an info booth.

New Student – Amy; Kindergarten Round Up on April 9<sup>th</sup> – looking for volunteers

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OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

- The ‘no food in the classroom vs. having a snack in the classroom’ was questioned by Kate Jensen. In the next school year there will be no food in the classrooms per Mrs. DeCrispino.

- Beth Allen says that the Student Council and Black Saga is going to do “Orioles Night out at the Ballpark” April 25<sup>th</sup> fund raiser price TBD + Car Wash in May

- Mrs. DeCrispino says that the Kindergartener parents will have a “Welcome to Westchester Night” to welcome and inform on the school.

- Catonsville Middle will do a ‘field trip’ for 5<sup>th</sup> graders to go over and check out the school, be welcomed, and such. The kids are going to very excited. More to come.

\*\*\* We have Maryland State Legislator 2 special speakers who will each talk for about 10-15 minutes each after the meeting \*\*\*