

PTA Meeting May 6th, 2013
Westchester Elementary School PTA Meeting

Welcome: Amy Breznak

PTA Minutes: Motion to accept the April minutes. Seconded.

Administration Report: Ms. Thompson

- Community Meeting this Wed at 5:30 at Catonsville High School to discuss the plan to relieve the overcrowding at the elem. Schools
- Same day 5th grade will go to Philly
- Monday 13th no pre-K or Kindergarten due to conferences
- May 15th K-2nd field day 12-3:30
- May 16th 3-5 all day field day
- May 22nd Grade 2 will visit the Herr's factory in PA
- May 30th 7-8pm 5th grade concert
- May 31st end of year party for 1st day
- Last 2 days of school will be FULL days! Teachers may combine classes towards the end to allow the teachers time to pack their rooms b/c their duty day ends at the close of school.

Treasurer's Report

- We have a total of \$13,160.86
- We had a disagreement with the IRS and there are 3 more days they have to respond to Tracy's letter. They have cashed our check.
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Teacher's Report

- Thank you for the new Keruig for the staff for Teacher's Appreciation!
- This year parents cannot request to teachers re: upcoming year.
- Facebook comments are being trickling back to the school – please keep this in mind when posting even on your personal pages. Please be as considerate as possible.
- New reward coming up for the cafeteria and some extra recesses.
- June 1st will be the Student Council car wash as a fundraiser for Thinking of Theo, in the WES parking lot.
- Parent asked about a formal announcement re: which teachers are moving? It will be in the WES school newsletter.

President's Report

- Board of Ed regular business at CHS tomorrow at 7PM. The main meeting re: overcrowding is as mentioned above, specifically addressing WES, HES & CES. They have approved 500 seats, but are looking at 700-750 seats. Two sites: Alternative school or Bloomsbury.
- May 15th at HES there is a tentative meeting based on this Wednesday's meeting.

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Elections:

President: Heather Helm

VP: Amy Breznak

Recording Sec: Diana Helm

Delegate: Christina Delegate

Delegate: April Benson

Treasurer: Tracy Gellerman

Communication Sec: Rebecca Geipe

Vote taken: Unanimous. 22 present.

Committee Reports:

Box Tops: Month to month didn't work out as well as I'd hoped. Next year we will do something else. We will still collect, just not count monthly.

Food Nights: Chick Fil A is May 23rd. Sweet Frog gave us a check for \$194.17. Oct 5th, 2013 8am-10am will be the Applebees Flapjack fundraiser at the Columbia (rt 40 was booked). Tickets will be \$7. They only take 2.50 per ticket, so we'll make \$4.50 per ticket.

Discussion re: communication, and how parents feel it's hard to keep track of upcoming dates/events b/c communication is lacking from the PTA and school – flyers don't come home. Future board is considering an IT chairperson to coordinate Facebook, website, twitter, etc – actively. WES website for the PTA is not working. PTA member expressed disappointment that he enrolled as a member but never received direct info on signing up for constant contact. Ideas were expressed as to how to approach this and try to solve for next year.

Green School: Older students are dumping in the recycling containers so they had to leave the cafeteria this week for this reason. They are dumping their lunches in it. They will return, but they need re-education.

Beautification: Richard and his daughters girl scout group mulched around the trailers. We have the outdoor classroom set up but there is poison ivy all over the place (Beth Allen experienced this first hand).

Book Fair: It went great – thanks so much to all who volunteered. We raised \$1000 for the PTA and \$3500 in books for the faculty and staff.

Spirit Wear: Can I have \$100 to buy the t-dyes in the small sizes for the back to school social? Vote taken – unanamous.

Yearbook: Orders have been extended to this Friday.

Staff App: This week is Teacher Appreciation week. Coffee and breakfast was served today; Friday we will serve lunch. If you have any k-cups to donate to the teachers that'd be great.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- **Camp Invention: 2 weeks of camp – each week is separate. Flyers will be coming home.**
- **Student Council: Beth asked for \$125 for t-shirts for the Student Council.**
- **Morna, daughter in K, son in 2nd: wanted to discuss an event possibly for fall:**
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