

PTA General Meeting Minutes May 6th 2014

Full board in attendance: Heather Helm, Amy Breznak, Rebecca Geipe, Tracey Geller, Christina Jimenez, Jenn Taylor, Dianna Helt (also see sign in sheet for full list of attendance)

Welcome – President (Heather Helm). Tonight was the last official meeting of the school year.

We had 2 new parents tonight. Welcome ☺

This will be the last PTA General Meeting of the school year.

PTA Minutes – approved and seconded (Dianna Helt) approved and second – all were in favor & approved.

Treasurer's Report - (Tracey Geller) over \$2,000 in donations this year. Very healthy balance sheet at this time. approved and second – all were in favor & approved.

Administration Report - Mrs. Thompson –

Book night this week

4th grade to Valley

no school kindergarteners for Parent Teacher Conf on Monday

May 13th Philly for 5th grade

field days next week.

May 22nd Buker and Noppenberger to Banneker

4th grade rocket launch. Mem day school closed. 28th grade 2 animals habitat at Banneker, spring concert, june career day, multi cultural fair, 10 am – doors open at 9:30am for an event parents must RSVP please be scanned ahead of time.

K end of year assembly June 10th 2:30pm

And many more activities before the end of the school year ***(I'm sorry that I could not type fast enough to capture all of the events and information; please see the Star News Emails for more information)***

Mrs. Eikenberg and Mrs. Swanson are retiring

Mrs. Ewell will be transferring to May Chapel school.

Letter to Mrs. DeCrispino – From Kevin Kamenetz. 'Schools for our future program' approved 200 seat addition to the WES school. Complete for Aug 2016 opening. Letter was dated April 15th

Teacher's Report – (Ms. Beth Allen) class pics will go home this week, TY to PTA for Teacher Appreciation Week. Loved the smoothies. Allergy assembly went well. Book fair is going well. If ever you have issues it's best to begin with contacting your teacher first.

President Report – Heather; TY for nominating committee, TY to volunteers for teacher appreciation week, TY to Jenn Taylor for chairing book fair and kids clubs.

Elections – are tonight. We have at least 20 people.

Read list of Nominees

Ask if any other nominations

If not then all in favor "Yea" or opposed "Nay"

We saw unanimous approval

Congratulations to the new board ☺

Committee Reports:

Spirit Wear – Patti Schwartz forms went out today we are now selling WES car magnets

Box Tops – Bernie Mosher \$592 check was just turned in.

Food Nights – Yvette Belt: Chipotle Check came in \$513, Sweet Frog night is Wed May 21st, only 5 dates left for Apple Bees on rt 40 so we choose the date of March 28th 2015 (Saturday leading into Spring Break), chick fil et check is pending.

Cultural – Christina Jimenez: Allergy assembly was great. We have funds for one more this year will be the "New Moon Theater" on May 30th.

Kids Clubs – Jenn Taylor: survey will come out in June about next year.

Beautification & Green School – April Benson & Amy Kelly: More logs had been requested and that's been met. The native plant garden is pending. Form 7330 form has been completed. Approval is looking good at this point. Grant proposal was written and April got \$3,192 for this Native Plant Garden so it's all planned out ☺ May look at 5/31 or 6/1 as a planting day. Some classes have already begun to pick their native plants for their area of the garden.

Yearbook – Cheryl: TY to all of the yearbook planning committee Jenn and Patti for helping to much. It was ordered on time and will come out soon. TY to Cheryl to coaching them through the process.

Staff Appreciation – is going well this week.

Direct Donation - collected \$2,830 this year

Membership – Kim Huff: 277 this year. (only 276 last year)

Directory – Will be electronic next year Jenn Taylor will chair this.

Book Fair / Book Night – Jenn Taylor: going well. Encouraging kids to star their top book requests as a ‘wish list’ not ‘order forms’ and they need to ask their parents. Teacher wish lists are in the pockets on their boards in the library for those who want to donate a book to their child’s classroom. Reading logs have gone home. 2 students in each class will win \$25 to spend at the book fair. 6 pm on Thursday, May 8th book sales begin.

Book night begins at 6:30pm (book fair opens at 6pm to shop) kids will get a homework pass if they attend. Loads of activities; 2 sessions; Karma Dogs: kids can read to them; great activities with teachers; Fiesta Tea Party with Ms. Allen & Ms. Santos. Mr. Pardoe will be filming in the TV studio. And many others. Relay foods will be sponsoring healthy snacks.

New Student – Amy: Kindergarten Rounds up was great. There will be 5 kindergarten classes next yet

Melissa West will take this over next year.

Parents Night out- Amy: will be next March 2015 again

5th grade graduation – Patti is looking for volunteers; Sherri Asiago is chairing this event. We will put more information in a future email.

Bike Rodeo – Christina: 5/24 Saturday. Please RSVP and be put into a drawing to win a kids bike helmet. “Bike Maryland” is the group who puts this event on to teach bike safety.

NEW BUSINESS –

Tracy Gellerman: WES 4th of July Float (we won last year ☺) we will need volunteers. The theme is “The Star Spangled Banner”.

Beth Allen: Camp Invention coming again this summer ☺

Patti Schwartz: Back to school night is just for teachers presenting to the parents. To do individual student focused meetings please set a time separate from this night which is geared toward the total classroom topics and general school information.

OLD BUSINESS –

Cheryl asked what is the snack policy for next year?

Mrs. Thompson replied that we will not consume food and beverages in the classrooms beginning next school year. This is brought about due to students who are having more serious food allergies so for the safety of all students we will eat in the cafeteria. It’s a liability issue. The latest lunch is at 1:15pm right now. The earliest lunch is from 12 noon – 12:30pm.

It was also mentioned that another reason to keep food in the cafeteria is to avoid any type of rodent challenges in the school by keeping all crumbs and food clean-up effort to the cafeteria.

It was suggested that parents who want to support or challenge this should direct their comments to the school and not to the PTA since PTA has no decision making authority on this topic.

Meeting adjourned.