

December 1 PTA Meeting

Attendance - see sign in sheet

Welcome

November PTA Minutes – posted online, approved

Treasurer's Report - \$3938 budget - less than last mo. because fronted money for BSO Trip. Now good time for direct donation since end of year. Tax deduction letters available for daddy/daughter dance if you paid cash or check at the dance. Contact Treasurer Kara Goldheim kgriggsgoldheim@gmail.com

Administration Report - there was some concern re: timeliness of the automated message going out re: the morning evacuation to CMS. The reason was due to the length of time required to process this type of message - it's usually about 10-15 minutes, and the need for a computer that was in the school office. Administration and staff priority was to be present with and safely evacuate children. Drill plans are being examined to help with this communication piece.

New rule enforcement - no fundraising allow during the school day. Also, no fundraising where food is being sold during hours of 12:01am - 30 min after the end of the school day. Administration is generating a list of fundraisers and will then seek additional info from BCPS level budget individuals. Regarding Joe Corbi's - will still be able to kick off on video announcements.

Holiday movie night - Mr. Byers will be in attendance.

Assigned seats in lunchroom now - goal of an orderly and organized lunch environment. Will re-evaluate and decide whether or not to continue. This was not done as a punishment - again just for a more orderly lunch. There is also a point system in effect to reward students.

Teacher's Report - thank you for Book Fair and generosity of contributions made to each teacher for books.

President's Report - reminder about the winter clothing drive. This stemmed from the Halloween costume drive. Will manage similarly to maintain kids' privacy. All winter items welcomed. Accepting donations through December 9th. Distribution 14th - 18th. Donate to Room 209 - mark it attention 'Russo'.

Committee Reports:

Grandparent's Breakfast - was a smashing success. Big thanks to WES Administration. Sign in was the best to date. Had double the attendance than expected.

Book Fair -super big success. Made over \$10k gross which gives the school \$5k plus to buy books. Will also reward good behavior with scholastic dollars throughout the year.

Kids Club - having a meeting Thursday am with prospective volunteers to manage the program next year. Less expensive alternative to Parks and Rec, which had been discussed as an option.

Movie Night - this Friday at 7pm. Nightmare Before Christmas. \$10 for family of 4 or \$3 per person. Popcorn included. NOT A DROP OFF EVENT Need more volunteers - especially to help with popcorn making and distribution. Contact Kate Jensen katejensen90@hotmail.com

Beach night - DJ And steel drum band lined up. Looking to serve barbecue instead of pizza. Will be January 22nd. Kim Hynes is Committee Chair.

Membership - only need 69 more people to join to meet goal for the year. Spouses can join too.

Boundary - added an extra meeting on Dec 16th. Not too late to send emails to boundary committee - bdystudy@bcps.org.

Yearbook - no update.

Staff Appreciation - no update.

Joe Corbi's - starts just after winter break. Forms to be sent Jan 5th. Coinciding with the Super Bowl. Pick up date will be the Thursday before the Super Bowl. Mrs. Fields will also be available and pies. Contact Kate Jensen katejensen90@hotmail.com

Spirit Wear - no update.

Spirit Nights - next one is December 8th at Chipotle. The one at Security next to Five Guys.

Spirit Week coming up in January through Relay Foods. All sales will be online. A delivery will be available at the school. 20% of all sales go to school.

Box Tops - goal for the year is 10,000. Still collecting.

Directory -no update

Health and Wellness - committee still working on Super Star Sprint.

Direct Donation - not too late to donate. Have already met goal for the year but will accept more.

Green School - committee chair moved so we have a transition leader - Heather Helm. Kim Wilhelm will be the chair next year.

Book Night - will likely have activities in various teachers' rooms based on books. Karma Dogs has participated at this event before and would be available to attend again. More to report in February. Scheduled for April 20th.

Cultural - no report.

Special Education - no report.

New Student - no report.

Boo/Cupid Gram - giving out stickers this year instead of pencils to bring down the cost and increase revenue raised.

Fall Festival - no update.

Old Business - no update.

New business - will advise of new committee chairs needed in January and at the February PTA Meeting.

DI (Destination Imagination) - only one DI Team this year and it's a second grade team. Request to keep DI in the school. Sally the Director can come and speak to the school if we're interested. The current DI Team for WES is willing to demonstrate at a future informational meeting.

Reminder: no PTA meeting in January.