

PTA Minutes 2015-02-03

Treasurers Report – \$16,000 current, but a lot to be paid out soon. Direct donations currently at 2700, significantly lower than goal of \$35,000

Administration Report – Safety inspector recommends better communication to parents about protocol during things such as ‘alert status’ where nobody will be let in or out of the school. These apply even to drills. Drills are normally no longer than 5-10min, and most alert statuses have not lasted more than half an hour but should there be a longer event parents would be notified by a central authority such as ConnectEd through school communication channels.

National Counseling Week 2/2 – 2/6– School Counselor Day is 2/4

Black Saga – Grades 2 through 5 competing, Ms Hanes & Ms Allen directing.

Feb 19 BCPS Wellness Day. Staff will be wearing red, students should be encouraged to do the same.

PARC assessment Mar 2nd-13th. No schedule yet for grades but all makeups will be done during window. Reading will be 3 sections (75min, 90min, 60min) & 2 math sections. End of year assessment will happen end of May.

Teacher Report: Cafeteria needs volunteers during lunchtime

Parents should check in with their kid regularly about supplies and see what they are running low on.

President Report: Ms Adam gave presentation about making a “MakerSpace” in the library where the current benches are for maker boxes that will contain books and materials related to a DIY activity. A presentation will be made available from the PTA. Materials would be available for students at as many times possible and teachers as well. Depending on demand, possible before and afterschool use will be considered. A targeted direction donation may be planned, the ability to ‘sponsor’ a box. Donations of items and disposables related to the boxes will be encouraged as well.

Committee Report:

Beach Night – Good Stuff. DJ was great, parents might prefer that to things like drum band in the future.

Parents Night Out – Tickets now on sale. Tickets can only be bought by sending money in an envelope for parents night out to be dropped off in the PTA mailbox in the front office. Tickets will go home in your child’s folder. Lots of great sponsors so far.

Health and Wellness – Reiterate need for lunch volunteers

Yearbook – All photos to be done by Apr 15.

Boxtops - \$1613 check sent so far for the year. Scholastic dollars will be given to any child who brings in 50 box tops before the book fair.

Food Nights – Sweet frog was about \$50, Chipotle was \$257, Bob Evans \$93. ‘Spring Break Pancake’ fundraiser coming up March 28. Volunteers needed. Teachers will be greeters and hostesses. \$7/ticket, and \$25 for families of 4+. **Food Night Needs a New Chair!**

Book Fair – Dates changed to Apr 20-29. Book Night is 28th.

Staff appreciation – Chocolates donated for staff, package for Ms Walsh for counselor day

Cupid Gram - On sale til 11th

Kids Club – Running well

Joe Corbis – Over \$1000 raised!

Spirit wear – something coming in march, stay tuned

Cultural – Assembly for 3rd-5th grade April 30th.

New Student – April 1st begins registration. Volunteers will be needed for helping in office, giving tours, manning PTA table.