

PTA Meeting

March 1, 2016

Welcome

Attendance - see sign in sheet.

PTA Minutes - motion to approve last month's minutes.

Special Presentation: Destination Imagination. The team did a great job and shared more information about this wonderful after school club. The PTA presented the team with \$5 Scholastic gift cards to use at our upcoming Spring Book Fair.

Treasurer's Report: balance is \$16,651

Administration Report: Mrs. Merashoff

- Mr. Byers is not here because at Board of Education Board Meeting. In all likelihood, the Board will approve the Committee recommendation. Everything will be distributed via the County, not by the schools. Will get printed school maps on 3/4. Letters will be mailed the 18th - 22nd. If the recommendation is adopted, the school will receive 47 kids at most. Affected families can make a request for a special permission transfer 4/15-6/1. Principal has until 7/1 to respond.
- Beach Night - the Administration would like to thank everyone that contributed.
- The staff thanks the PTA for the coffee maker and coffee.
- There is a half day Friday.
- This is the last year of MSA Testing. Goal is to have Winter test results during April report card distribution.
- Report cards come out April 21st.

Teacher's Report:

STEM Night will be different this year and will include other activities that involve parents and children together. Doing hovercrafts and building a bridge. STEM Fair at-home projects are optional this year. However, participation in STEM fair will be one part of student's assessment for Advanced Academics at middle school. Anyone that doesn't participate will still be exposed to all the scientific processes in class. Judging will be done in advance this year.

President's Report: Nominating Committee is still taking nominations for the PTA for next year.

Committee Reports:

Spirit Nights - the next one is March 22 at Chipotle.

Student boundaries - discussed during admin report. New student packets are available in the school office. Boundary committee meeting again week of April 22nd to discuss more about the upcoming transition.

Beach Night - no update

Book Fair - volunteer sign up sheet is available. There are 4 days available to shop. Will need help the night of Stem Fair for this event too. Contact westchester21228@gmail.com to volunteer. We need lots of parents to assist students in making good choices at the book fair.

Box Tops - today was the deadline. Another \$520 check pending as a result of box tops collected.

Kids Club - off to a good start!

Cupid Grams - 474 sold, \$209.36 made. Snow days set this back. The Poetry Contest had really great submissions.

Membership - 240 members - 40 are faculty.

Yearbook - send in your pictures to Becky please. albrittonrebecca@yahoo.com

Staff Appreciation - doing Pi Day again for this. They'd like pie donations again. They're also doing a poster contest. Doing gift cards for prizes. There will also be fruit pies in the staff lounge.

Spirit Wear - going to do something in the Spring.

Joe Corbi's - no update.

Directory - no updates

Health and Wellness - need volunteers in the cafeteria. Permitting is in process for the race. There will be several fun, new activities at the event. Patient First is a sponsor and will have a table at the event.

Direct Donation - no update.

Green School - still need a new committee chairman.

Cultural - need a chair for this committee for next year. Main role is in planning assemblies. Maryland, My Maryland assembly scheduled for this month.

Special Education - no update.

Movie Night - still need a chair for next year. Date for next school year not chosen.

Grandparents Breakfast - Morna chairing this event for next year. Need lots of helpers for 2 days for set up and organizing food.

Fall Festival - no update.

Old Business: none.

New Business: Pajama Day for Casey Cares is April 18th. Everyone agreed that WES would like to participate in collecting new pajamas to distribute to children in hospitals.

Meet Adjourned.