

PTA Meeting

May 10, 2016

Attendance - see attendance sheet

Welcome

PTA Minutes - approved

Treasurer's Report \$6448 in account. Please turn in any reimbursements due ASAP.

Administration Report: upcoming school events list provided. Newly added - "Meet Your New Grade" event on June 10th.

Construction going well and should be completed by 7/31.

Front Lobby construction for Security to begin June 20th.

Summer letters will be sent out the first week in July with classroom and home room teacher information, as well as supply lists.

Pre-k: county is moving to universal screening across the county. We have one program to accommodate 20 students. Those with Econ disadvantages go on list first place, then a second tier of need, then academic need students and then home school children will be offered if openings. 8/10 and 9/12 are the key dates.

PARCC testing going well. 4th grade testing had to be moved, and make ups for others that missed are the 20th. Results will be issued in the Summer.

Teacher's Report - "thank you for the amazing week", from the entire staff!

President's Report - Pajama Day for Casey Cares went very well - 174 brand new pajamas contributed. The school received a thank you note.

Margaret Flowers, guest speaker. She is running for Senate, is a pediatrician and mother and spoke about various issues she is advocating for.

Committee Reports -

Spirit Nights: next is June 1 at Sweet Frog.

New Student/Boundary Families: volunteers needed to help with summer events.

Only 27 have registered for kindergarten - please help spread the word to pick up registration packets.

Please help spread awareness too at Catonsville Preschool Programs - flyers available.

Volunteers needed for our tour night on 6/9.

Please contact Erica Russo if you're willing to be a parent advocate for new families that have questions.

Health & Wellness: SuperStar Sprint - please email if willing to volunteer and/or if you have a canopy to loan. 425 are signed up. It's not too late to sign up and can do so at the event too. Race starts promptly at 9. There will be additional post race activities this year too.

Book Fair: did really well again this year. Grossed over \$12k which means over \$6k in scholastic dollars to pay for materials for the classrooms, etc.

STEM Night (book night): suggestions were given on how to organize things even better. Please email Ms. Crabb with any other suggestions. Thanks to the PTA for the 4 Book Rooms that evening.

Box Tops: another check due in any day. The next one will arrive in December. Made about \$2000 for this year.

Kids Club: all should be finished by next week. Melissa Manthorne will be managing this committee next year and Vanessa Phin will hopefully coordinate the volunteer efforts. Jennifer Taylor will act in an advisory role.

Membership: no update

Yearbook: order form is online, or via our website. Yearbooks still available.

Staff Appreciation: update provided during Teacher's Report.

Spirit Wear: there will be more available at the SuperStar Sprint.

Joe Corbi: no update

Directory: no update

Beach Night: CMS is asking for us to select our date for this.

Direct Donation: 5th Grade Fundraiser. We do have funds. \$500 is available in the school's discretionary fund. The PTA will be contributing as usual as well.

Green School: Kim, our new chair was introduced.

Cultural Committee: everything is wrapped up. Mrs. Crabb is the new Chair.

Special education: no update

Movie night: no update

Cupid gram: no update

Grandparents Breakfast: no update

Fall Festival: no update

Old Business - Election of 2016-17 Board

New Business - guest Richard Kidd from CMS, current President of the PTA. Meetings are held the 2nd Weds of every month but that day may change next school year. Help is always needed and Richard is asking all parents to participate and be advocates for their kids there.

Patti Schwartz so thoughtfully presented the board and administration with flowers of thanks.