Meeting Minutes for February, 7 2012:

Notations: PD=Peggy DeCrispino, Principal

Motion to accept the minutes from the Dec 2011 meeting by President. Second offered and minutes approved.

**Treasurer Report:**

* We have approximately $5,000 in the bank. Some big expense outlays are still waiting to disburse.

**Admin. Report by Peggy DeCrispino:**

* Blue jean collection is underway and being conducted by the Student Council.
* Feb 21 & 23 are the Variety Show auditions in Ms. Ruperts classroom.

**Teachers Report by Beth Allen:**

* Student Council Jeans drive is collecting jeans, through Friday, for Jeans for Teens. Jeans can be used, for any age person – not just teens.
* Field Trip discussed. Ms. Allen is organizing and planning activities for students in the event there is down time. This is the first time this event has taken place. The students and staff are very excited about going to Ripken Stadium.

**Presidents Report:**

* Music Instruments that were stolen have been replaced by money from PTA & BCPS. All items stolen have been replaced, plus a few extra items have been purchased.
* PTA President sent out an email re: suspicious activity in Howard County, along the Baltimore County border. Appreciation was acknowledged for the WES Parent, who is a HoCo employee, who forwarded this important information.
* There will be openings on the PTA Board and for PTA Committees. PTA President will be contacting each individual chairperson re: their interest to continue, but as of this meeting we know the following vacancies will need filling:
	+ School Supply Fundraiser
	+ Kids Club
	+ Fall Festival
	+ Directory
	+ Beach Night – will be chaired by current chair for 2 more years, but the current chair would like an assistant to begin shadowing with the plans to take over planning this night.
	+ Membership
	+ Possibly Green School
	+ Box Tops
	+ Cultural
	+ Nominating Committee
	+ PTA Board: Treasurer, Communications Secretary

Committee Chairs are a one year commitment. PTA Board positions are for 2 years, maximum per position.

Amy discussed the need to begin lining up 3 volunteers to serve as the Nominating Committee for the 2012-2013 PTA Board. Marni Beyer volunteered to serve. 2 more parents are needed. It was expressed that we would love to see some new parents get involved on this committee and with the Committees and PTA Board. Please let Amy know if you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee. It is a very short term requirement.

*Committees:*

**Fundraisers:** Corbi’s raised $1700

**Welcoming:** Kindergarten Registration will take place on 3/27. Volunteers are needed for 1-2 hour shifts between 9-3:30 to assist with giving school tours, helping in the front office, etc. Please contact Amy Breznak if you can help for a shift!

**Grandparents Breakfast:**

**Spirit Wear:** New spring items coming soon!

**Box Tops:** Collections continue. Please keep them neatly trimmed if possible. If anyone is interested in taking over Box Tops, this committee will need a chair next year.

**Food Nights:** Panera raised $247. By vote of those present it was decided we would do 2 more Food Nights this year, El Nayar and McDonalds. Dates to be announced.

**Cultural/School Assemblies:** Chairperson is working on Blue Sky Puppets for an April Assembly.

**KIDS Club:** Spanish is moving right along. There may need to be a make-up day in the event of inclement weather.

**Green School:** If you do any green school qualifying activities please let Christina know!

**Beautification:** .

**Yearbook:**

**Playground:**

**Staff Appreciation:** School Counselor week is here. School lunch employees will be in March. In years past we have not acknowledged them – this year we are changing that.

**Membership:**

**Directory:**

**Book Fair/Book Night:** April 10th. We need LOTS of help setting up, and staffing during the day for the entire fair. Please let Shea know if you can help!

**Beach Night:** Was Friday Jan. 20th. It was another great night with the High School Steel Drum Band. Thanks to Kristin for organizing another fun Beach Night.

**Variety Show:** Will be March 23rd. This will be the last year for Variety Show.

**Math Night:** Will be Feb 16th, from 6-8:30.

**Movie Night:** All done for this year. We have decided from this point forward to no longer rent the equipment, as it costs too much money. It is a huge money saver to do this ourselves and thanks to a parent loaning a popcorn machine – we are able to do future events on our own.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:** Concern was expressed re: Crowd Control at Beach Night. It was explained that Parent Volunteers trained in Crowd Control were present. WES and the PTA were in compliance with the crowd control requirement. The behavior of children (running) needs to be policed by parents better, and that is the responsibility of the parents – not those volunteering as Crowd Control for the event.