

**PTA Meeting
9/9/14**

Attendance – see sign up sheet

No Minutes to report since first meeting

Budget passed unanimously

Treasurer's report – current balance - \$12,109.73

Principal's Report: Mrs. Decrispino– introduce temporary AVP Ms. Myra Harris

Lost kindergarten teacher this year – low attendance (school is 30 students under where we ended last year.)

1st grade enrollment – no 5th teacher needed. Enrollment being monitored.

Had first field trip of the year – Eco Treckers

On 15th 3-5th will see Tall Ships at Inner Harbor

10/18 – 4th grade – B&O museum

9/24 - Interim report cards (not all students necessarily receive one)

9/25 schools closed for Rosh Hashana

Preview of new floor plan for 8/2016 by Mrs. DeCrispino– gives a 10 classroom addition

Chosen addition allows extra budget for two things that Mrs. DeCrispino wants to implement: to add safety feature at the front door using a glass vestibule and to put in a second 5-12 year old playground.

Flooring and paint will likely be updated at the same time under a separate budget.

Teacher's Report:

Ms. Forte: Pollinator garden being planted Oct 4th so help is needed.

Mr Pardoe is offering help sessions for BCPS One – before or after school. Email if want a tutorial. rpardoe@bcps.org

President's Report:

Erica Russo

PayPal pilot program - Piloting direct donation program. Once figure out if cost effective, and efficient, can add other programs.

Committee Reports:

- Fall Festival – Ganine Chrystal, Laura Ratta, Kim Lober: Sat Oct 18th 11-3. Will have games, entertainment, vendors, vendors, crafts, etc. They can use more volunteers

for making signs, running games, etc. Must have a custodian and that person has to be paid.

Suggestion of using the "Volunteer Spot" website for sign ups.

- Direct Donations – Lisa Fox: part of PayPal pilot program
- Boo Gram Update – have a volunteer secured to run program and no candy.
- Spirit Wear – Patti Schwartz: t shirt order until 16th to replenish for the Fall Festival. Will offer more in October.
- Box Tops – Bernie Mosher: this past year was best yet. Will continue to promote via contests and newsletters. Ok to start sending them in. Be sure to put homeroom teacher's name on the baggie. Next big push will be in October. \$514.10 will be coming in for the most recent submission in March 2014.
- Food Nights – Yvette Belt: check submitted for last Sweet Frog night – will be credited for last school year. Half of the money came from Chipolte. They give 50%. Another date has been requested. Goal to make the Food Nights more fun – do face painting, and get teens to volunteer.
- Cultural – Christina Jimenez: scheduled 4 assemblies. Oct 2 – Blue Sky Puppet Theater, 10/22 MD Science Center will do 2 shows. 11/26 – children's theater. 1/16 Stay Tobacco Free for grades 3-5. Wants to do a Family/International Night as well – date and details TBD.
- Kids Club – Jenn Taylor: registration ends Friday and starts next week. Some clubs need more sign ups to run.
- Directory – Jenn Taylor: ours is an e-Directory. Can sign up online or with paper form provided at meeting or in front office.
- Book Fair – Jenn Taylor: two this year. Adding a Fall one overlapping with American Education Week. Will have the big Spring one as well.
- Green School – April Benson: planting pollinator garden. Sat Oct 4th at 1 is the big planting event. They need as many volunteers as possible.
- Movie Night – Kate Jensen: actively looking for volunteers. Any help is appreciated and volunteers do not have to stay all night – just as long as they can. 9/19 – showing the Lego Movie.
- Parents Night Out – Amy Breznak: 3/13, at the Phoenix upstairs. Donations for auction welcomed.
- Food Safety and Nutrition – Angela Harmon: need volunteers in cafeteria. Blurb for website being added about non-food ideas for birthday celebrations.
- Staff Appreciation – Ganine Chrystal: need volunteers – it's only a few times a year and an easy committee to be a part of.
- Membership - Kimberly Huff: 101 PTA members so far since start of school. Committee Chair Kimberly Huff is finishing her last year and needs to find her replacement for next year.

Old Business:

New Business: Grandparents Breakfast will be on 11/21.

Meeting Adjourned 8:10 pm