

Westowne Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2016

Present: China Williams, Jessica Brown, Stacie Lauer, Justine Stull, Amanda McBride, Judy Robey, Crystal Shelley, Erin Furth, Katie Riesner, Amy Houghton, Dianna Bell, Amanda Ferragamo, Emily Shaw, Sarah Fondelier, Danette Zaghari-Mask

Meeting called to order by China Williams at 7:11 pm

March minutes approved as written.

President's Report: China Williams

1. To determine what supplies PTA versus school pays for 5th Grade Ceremony
2. 5th Grade Gift: Commissioned watercolor of existing building to be hung in new building
3. Bylaws up for renewal next month
 - a. Not planning any changes or additions
 - b. Copies are available to members upon request
 - c. Will vote in May
4. Upcoming events
 - a. April 13 – Subway restaurant night
 - b. April 19 – Jennifer Keats Curtis author visit
 - c. Walk & Bike to School promotions
 - i. Earth Day - April 22
 - ii. Stream Cleanup - April 23, 10:00 – 2:00
 1. All trash collected will count for Clean Green 15 grant contest
 - iii. Safe Routes to School Survey due April 25
 - iv. Bike with a Cop – April 30
 - d. April 29 (*Updated to April 27*) - PJ Day and Autism Awareness
 - e. May 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week
5. Scholastic Book Fair
 - a. Thanks to chair Melody Higgins and all volunteers!
 - b. Will need a new chair, with support, for next spring
6. Literature Night
 - a. Thanks to chair Crystal Shelley and all teachers, interns, volunteers!
 - b. School Reading Committee may take over portions of planning for next year
7. Safe Routes to School
 - a. Bike Maryland
 - b. Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee
 - i. Thanks to Matt Riesner for representing Westowne at meeting
 - c. Team of parents and community members working together
 - d. Communicating with SHA
 - e. Survey, Walk & Bike to School Day flyers were sent home
8. May Meeting: Election
9. June Meeting: Planning for next year
 - a. Bring your ideas and questions
 - b. Official plan and budget for next school year is developed by executive board during summer

Treasurer's Report: Stacie Lauer

1. 5th Grade Committee concessions total \$1681
2. Panera restaurant night \$227
3. March PJ Day \$87
4. Orioles tickets \$660
5. Book Fair Profit \$1938
6. High school scholarships paid \$600

Secretary's Report: Justine Stull

1. Teacher Appreciation Week May 2 - 6
 - a. Monday: Atwater's lunch
 - b. Tuesday: Snacks and drinks
 - i. Donations needed and may be dropped off by 10:00 AM that morning
 - c. Wednesday: BricknFire food truck lunch
 - d. Thursday: Homemade/bakery desserts
 - i. Donations needed and may be dropped off by 10:00 AM that morning
 - e. Friday: Panera breakfast – Catonsville store donating pastries and bagels again
2. Adele Snow planning theme and décor
3. Planning student activity, possibly to be completed in café with parent volunteers
 - a. Crystal Shelley to coordinate with Ms. McBride
4. Requesting gift cards valued at approximately \$10 to raffle to teachers
 - a. Donations may be turned in via student folders in envelopes marked with "PTA"

Vice President's Report: Jessica Brown

1. Box Tops
 - a. Within \$68 of school year goal
 - b. Continue submitting now and collecting throughout summer

Assistant Principal's Report: Ms. McBride

1. Thanks for assembly (big hit!) and Literature Night
2. Autism awareness: classroom activities run by counselors and Light it Up Blue Pajama Day
3. Building construction continues to progress
4. Holding grade level behavior meetings and individual classroom meetings for K
5. Currently planning schedules and grouping with goal to provide as much info as possible to parents prior to end of school year
6. PARCC testing for 3rd-5th in May with schedule included in next Words to the Wise

Teacher Liaison: Ms. Robey

1. What does 5th Grade Committee need from teachers?

New business: Katie Reisner

1. Congratulations to administration and PTA for a successful, positive year

Meeting adjourned at 7:57