

Westowne Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2016

Present: China Williams, Jessica Brown, Stacie Lauer, Justine Stull, Amanda McBride, Judy Robey, Crystal Shelley, Erin Furth, Becky Bass, Katie Riesner, Matthew Riesner, Carey Berlin, Mary Winkfield, Katie Florida, Sarah Fondelier, Dianna Bell, Jen Nyland, Hope Riley, Kecia Johnson, Meg Bower

Meeting called to order by China Williams at 7:04 pm

December minutes approved as written.

President's Report: China Williams

1. Voted to increase Assembly budget to \$3600
2. Voted to increase Printing budget to \$175
3. Voted to decrease Posting & Shipping budget to \$175
4. New board positions opening up for next school year
 - a. Two year term begins in July
 - b. Anyone can nominate self
 - c. Self-nominations: Justine Stull (President), Sarah Fondelier (Vice President), Stacie Lauer (Treasurer), Crystal Shelley (Secretary)
 - d. Nomination committee of three members needed by March to interview and endorse candidates
 - e. Ideally, voice vote in May with all positions running unopposed
5. Parents advised to check BCPS One to assure students have turned in all assignments by end of this week
6. Upcoming events
 - a. Wizard of Oz ticket sale on Thursday for cast and crew (Jan 14, 5:00 – 5:30)
 - b. Ticket sale school wide next week
 - c. Wizard of Oz Assembly (Jan 28)
 - d. PJ & Spirit Day (Jan 29 – *Correction: Jan 22*)
 - e. Wizard of Oz performance (Jan 29, 7:00)
 - f. Wizard of Oz performance (Jan 30, 3:00)
 - g. Lego Robotics Club with Mr. Landel (Feb 2 – March 22)
7. Safe Routes to School
 - a. Assemble team with principal, families, students, PTA rep, transportation rep, community association members (INAC and Academy Heights), county reps, police reps
 - b. Baltimore County Pedestrian Bike Plan contains planned improvements with "official" language; to contact Charlie Murphy, bike advocate
 - c. Mapping (electronic versions are ideal) and data collection
 - i. Parent and student travel study
 - ii. 5th Grade Safeties possibly included; to ask Ms. Giesler
 - d. Physical and Educational Recommendations (I.e. Walk or Bike to School Day/International Days, Hootie News announcements, Safety City Visit)
 - e. Potential recommendations: Ramps, crosswalks, traffic calming, Ingleside stream cleanup (Patapsco Area Greenway Council), walking path improvements, school zone/cross walk signage
 - f. Requires 20% non-federal match

8. SW Boundary Committee Update
 - a. Westowne reps supported map with highest utilization
 - b. Committee chose map with lowest percent of students affected, leaving some overcrowded schools and underutilized new buildings
 - c. Westowne maintains current boundaries
 - d. Committee makes recommendation to Board of Ed on Feb 2

Treasurer's Report: Stacie Lauer

1. Chuck E. Cheese's Night: Additional \$98 check
2. December Pajama Day: \$192.83
3. Holiday Shoppe: \$4294.90
 - a. Many thanks to all volunteers and supporters!

Secretary's Report: Justine Stull

1. 183 members

Vice President's Report: Jessica Brown

1. Box Tops
 - a. Recent check deposited: \$1104.40
 - b. Raffle collection sheet going home soon
 1. \$10 Panera gift card prize

Vice Principal's Report: Ms. McBride

1. Principal's newsletter online (<https://www.smore.com/988en-words-to-the-wise>)
2. January Attendance Challenge for students and teachers
3. Building updates: steady progress with construction on second floor
 - a. Next up: brick facade and roofing
4. Jeans for Teens Campaign
5. Marking Period ends Jan 15
6. Report Cards go home February 4
7. MAP, PARCC, ESOL testing schedule to be sent home
8. Thanks to Ravens player Michael Campanaro for providing pizza to students

Teacher Liaison: Ms. Robey

1. Thanks for holiday lunch
2. Thanks to Kerry Johnston for connecting the PTA with Mission BBQ

5th Grade Committee: Jen Nyland

1. Meetings scheduled with Mr. Willig and plan of work being developed for graduation projects
2. Concessions at play
 - a. Pizza and snacks Friday 6:00 to show time and at intermission
 - b. Snacks on Sunday 2:00 to show time and at intermission
3. To follow up on December Five Below check
4. Considering running Schwan's fundraiser around Easter
5. Considering switching plaques for certificates as cost saving measure

Meeting adjourned at 7:54