

Westowne Elementary PTA

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2017

Attendees: Judy Robey, Dianna Bell, Sara Muempfer, Amanda Ferragamo, Jessica Brown, Kecia Johnson, Chrissy Heiland, Denise Avara, Gina Godleski, Scott Palmer, Cathy Ritzes, Emily Shaw, Kate Reisner, Kristal McCormick, Becky Bass, Crystal Shelley, Stacie Lauer, Sarah Fondelier, Justine Stull

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

Approval of October & November minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes as written passed

December meeting was canceled

Treasurer report

- Storage bins were needed for Holiday Shoppe
 - Motion to increase the Holiday Shoppe budget; membership voted to increase budget from \$175 to \$280
- PJ Day
 - o December \$146.78
 - o January \$213
- Holiday Shoppe: \$5,345
- Restaurant Night
 - o Grilled Cheese & Co. \$162.44
 - o 5 Below - no check yet, will continue to follow up
- Box Tops - Will run drawing for Five Below gift card with next collection sheet
- Thanks to Go Fund Your PTA campaign contributors

Executive board and chair report

- Membership - 246 members, 40 staff
- Reward programs
 - o March 16 is the end of the earnings period for Giant rewards; about \$800 in the account so far

School report

- Principal -
 - o Thanks for parents who donated and helped with Holiday Shoppe; thanks for holiday treats and luncheon
 - o Marking period ends tomorrow Friday, January 13
 - o Construction around the building continues-
 - court yard benches and railing going in now
 - memorial plaques and benches are being installed in courtyard

- electrical work continues as well as HVAC testing
 - parking lot is collapsing in a few places- will be repaired in the Spring, hopefully during spring break
 - more signs and parking issues being worked on
 - staff parking moving to bus loop, will be more room for visitors and place for blacktop play
- Behavior management professional development was held recently
 - teachers and staff working to insure student behavior is improving
- Mrs. Uram, substitute AP, is working with providing support to classrooms and behavior management
- 3rd grade's Mr. Landel is doing admin internship work, shadowing Mr. Palmer; long term substitute will help in his classroom
- Ms. McBride is doing AP exchange at Hillcrest until 2/03/17
 - Will continue at Westowne next year depending on personal preference and county need
- Staffing updates for 2017-2018 will come out soon
 - expecting to stay the same or increase staffing
- The Lion King production is looking great. Ticket sales are online, February 17 @7pm and 18 @3pm, February 24 @7pm and 25 @3pm
- Winter Concert was well done. Instrumental and choral music students worked hard to prepare
- Teacher liaison
 - Thank you for cookies and cards and the luncheon
 - Literature Night - Thurs, March 16
 - \$500 supply budget
 - PTA to run concessions and Book Fair

Meeting topics

- Upcoming events
 - Green Thursday - Jan 26
 - recycling item contest will take place soon, details coming
 - McDonald's Restaurant Night - Tues, Jan 24 5:00-8:00 at Frederick Road location
 - Family Science Night - Tues, Jan 31 6:00-8:00
 - MD science center is setting up 8 interactive stations, concessions will be on sale, free for families to attend
 - Pajama Day - Fri, Feb 3
 - Twin Day alternative
 - Skate Night - Thurs, Feb 9 6:00-9:00 at Hot Skates
 - PTA Meeting - Tues, Feb 14 7:00
 - Drama Club performances - Feb 17/18 and Feb 24/25
 - Tickets available online now: westownees.bcps.org/parents/online_school_payments
 - PTA's 5th Grade Committee to sell concessions; need additional volunteers

- Thanks: Movie Night, Ornaments, Five Below, PJ Day, Holiday Shoppe, Teacher Luncheon, Cookies & Cards
- Catonsville Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Teacher Awards
- Spring Clubs
 - Lego Robotics - end of February
 - Yoga
 - Running - need volunteers for after spring break
 - Music together club
- Chairs needed
 - Teacher Appreciation team
 - 4th of July Parade Float
 - To consider use of Lion King theme/supplies
 - Fall Festival coordinator for NEXT October

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm

5th Grade Committee planning

- Recognition Ceremony
 - “Keys to Your Future” theme
 - key pins instead of corsages
 - location to be determined; courtyard suggested
 - food historically limited to cupcakes and a drink due to BCPS food guidelines
 - guest speaker: possibly Matt Stover, retired Ravens player
- 5th grade gift
 - Suggested masonry/brick frame for marquee
 - To research options and collaborate with PTA, committee, teacher team, and administration to decide
- T shirts
 - Possibly ordering from EmbroidMe
 - student drawing contest
 - field day team colors
 - to coordinate with teachers
- Memory book
 - To research pricing and formatting via BCPS and Shutterfly