

Westowne Elementary PTA

Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2017

Attendees: Megan Shawker, Jessica Brown, Chrissy Heiland, Maryann Kolarek, Becky Bass, Amanda McBride, Judy Robey, Gina Godleski, Sara Muempfer, Kristal McCormick, Stacey Lauer, Crystal Shelley, Justine Stull, Sarah Fondelier

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Guests

- AMS PTA
 - Becky Jankowski- PTA funds after-school buses for t/th clubs, assembly support, teacher appreciation week; meets 2nd Wednesday of the month
- CMS PTSA
 - Ed Young and Mary Peters-2nd Tuesday of the month; provides money for tutoring, after school buses, scholarship, music support, student trips; mulch sale is a major fundraiser; looking for officers, delegates, and membership chairperson; Kooziepalooza
 - May 10th is 5th grade parent orientation

Approval of February minutes

- Motion to approve minutes as written passed

Treasurer report

- 5th Grade Committee
 - Increase Memory Book budget to \$1000
 - motioned, seconded and approved
 - Received Five Below check for \$101.66
- Increase Drama Club budget from \$2665 to \$2780 to account for additional parent contributions
 - motioned, seconded and approved
- Concessions
 - Book fair concessions \$486
 - Drama Club \$1886.50
- Book Fair Sales
 - Total \$7823.56
 - Net \$1,938.11
- Mailed Personal Property Taxes for 2017
- CHS scholarship - paid
- Field Trips paid out - \$1,900 (K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd)
- March PJ Day \$137.11

Executive board and chair report

- Membership: 248 members (40 staff)
- Reward programs
 - Top three Box Tops classes: Rees, Jones and Robey
 - April check is \$505.30
 - Giant is \$1382.23 currently in the rewards account

School report

- Principal
 - Thank you for running and supporting book fair
 - Staffing and interviewing is going on now
 - a Additional 5th grade class
 - a 1.0 special educator
 - a .5 EC 3s class for the afternoon
 - Congratulations to Catonsville Chamber of Commerce Outstanding teacher nominee Dawn Ingle
 - Congratulations to TABCO teacher of the year nominee Dan Landel
 - Car loop signs are working to improve traffic congestion at drop off, admin will continue to be present and offer reminders
 - 3rd quarter closes Friday March 31st and a 1/2 day
 - Last week there was inappropriate content found on devices in a 5th grade classroom, administration met with 4th and 5th grade students about digital citizenship
 - students are not permitted to use the devices during recess and dismissal
- Teacher liaison
 - Lunchroom volunteers needed for recycling efforts
 - 11:15-2:00
 - Contact Ms. Getsinger: egetsinger@bcps.org
 - Teachers may submit their expenses for Literature Night

Meeting topics

- Upcoming events
 - Chef Paolino Day - Wed, March 29 11:00-10:00
 - PS, Pre-K, & Kindergarten Round Up - Thur, April 6 & Fri, April 7
 - Call school for registration appointment
 - Assembly: Smithsonian Discovery Theater - Fri, April 7
 - Spring Break - Mon, April 10 - Mon, April 17
 - No PTA Meeting - Tues, April 18 7:00 - CANCELED
 - SWAEAC Legislative Meet & Greet
 - Wed, April 19 7:00 at Westchester Elementary
 - IHOP (12min to Halethorpe)- Wed April 26 5:00-8:00
 - Pajama & Autism Awareness (Blue) Day - Fri, April 28

- Stream Cleanup - Sat, April 29
- Teacher Appreciation Week - May 1-5
- Oriole's Night benefitting 5th Grade Committee - Fri, May 5
7:05 PM
 - Buy tickets now; sale ends Wed, April 5th
- PTA Meeting - Tues, May 9 at 7:00
- Spring Clubs
 - Yoga Tues 8:15 AM
 - Running Tues 4-5:00 PM
 - No Music - CANCELED
 - Irvine Nature Center's Eco-Explorers Thurs 4-5:00 PM, online registration starting April 3rd
- Thanks for volunteers & support: Drama Club, Restaurant Night, Pajama Day, Book Fair, Westowne's Literature Night
- Chairs needed
 - School Directory
 - Teacher Appreciation team
 - 4th of July Parade Float
 - Fall Festival next school year
 - Pajama Day next school year

New business - suggestions from membership

5th Grade Committee updates

- shirt design has been chosen and orders are underway
- yearbooks are underway, budget increase made, please submit pictures
- concessions team is done for the year and did a fabulous job
- Orioles tickets on sale now as final fundraiser
- another meeting or discussion will be needed to finalize the previously discussed increases to recognition ceremony

Adjournment at 8:03

Board Members:

Justine Stull, president

Sarah Fondelier, vice president

Crystal Shelley, secretary

Stacie Lauer, treasurer

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