

**Minutes of the PTA BOD Meeting
Held February 10, 2016
WES Media Center
Started @ 7:05 pm; ended @ 8:25 pm**

In Attendance

Karyn Peluso
Shari Haddaway
Rachel Edoho-Eket
Susan Walker
Saral Patel
Scarlett Goon
Nancy Pitrone
Kelly Balchunas
Silvia Rocca
Cris Boarman
Ellie Paczkowski
Anastasia Booth

Approval of January's Meeting Minutes

President's Report - Karyn Peluso

Thank you's:

- Tracy and Saral for continuing to collect Glory Days receipts
- Jamie Harper for already planning for Back to School Kits and kindergarten registration
- Stacey Seitchik and Jen Donohoe for coordinating Backpack Buddies
- Hospitality for the amazing staff dinner
- Cultural Arst for being flexible with snow days. We are canceling the Blue Skies assembly and putting on hold for next year.
- Scarlett Goon for Box Tops. We are sorry to hear that she is not continuing next year and will need a replacement.
- Family Enrichment for planning the winter dance and being flexible.
- Amy McClenahan for updating the sign.
- Christy Houck and the Yearbook committee for always taking pictures at events.
- Robyn Peters for updating the website without needing any prompting from me.
- Mickey and Kim for collecting and distributing the mail.
- Kelly Balchunas for starting to plan Screen Free Week and the ceremony.
- Cristen Boarman and the Book Fair Committee for getting things ready for our huge event.
- Bernadine Zissu, Cris Boarman and Kelly Van Horn for organizing the Valentine's Day festivities. The cookies were purchased from Weis, which gave Waverly a \$25 store card, and we all agreed to purchase at least 1 extra box to have on hand. Maybe in the future we should ask for donations instead of a discount which may help retailers avoid any tax problems.

There is a critter problem throughout the school so perhaps the PTA should consider getting some bins with lids for the PTA room to store food.

NOM COM Committee will be Susan Walker, Anastasia Booth and Natalya Yi. We've had a good response so far.

Dani and Karyn are in the process of updating the By Laws, specifically the terms.

The PTA office is needs to be cleaned up and organized.

Restaurant Nights - we need to look into Frozen Yogurt, Soft Stuff, Trattoria Montese to get a few in before the end of the school year.

Future Dates:

2/12 Valentine's Day Parties

2/18 Club Pictures

2/22-26 Book Fair; ends 2/26 with teacher readings at 6 pm and ice cream social at 7 pm

2/29 - 3/4 Kindergarten Registration - will need greeters 1st and last day as well as 1 evening; no school tours or the handling of documents allowed

Principal and Assistant Principal Report - Rachel Edoho-Eket

Thank you for the conference dinners. The MAP testing window was extended due to the snow days and all grades were finished today (2/10). There will be MAP testing in May. We are not sure when the scores will be sent home. Parent/Teacher Conferences went very smoothly. Report cards were sent home today (2/10). Teachers met to discuss date for students to make sure they are all at their appropriate levels. Waverly's 25th Anniversary will be at the school and the PTA will do something in the evening in conjunction with the school event. The date is to be determined.

Vice Presidents Report - Kelly Balchunas

As far as things I'd like to add to the agenda: I heard back from Gail Bates office at Monday, May 16 is the date for the Screen Free certificate ceremony, and I already let Karyn and Ms. Jacobs know. The only other thing is I sent a text to Karyn asking for some thoughts on the possibility of hosting a career day at Waverly, in a format along the lines of an assembly. I have organized one of these in the past for an elementary school in Baltimore city and I'd be glad to discuss in further detail. It could be for this school year or next, but I think the idea is a good one.

The link below focuses on disadvantaged kids and the importance of being exposed to a variety of career possibilities, but I think the message is a good one:

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/oped/bs-ed-junior-achievement-20160129-story.html>

We all agreed it would be a logistical but great event. Perhaps keep it focused to 4th and 5th grade or it can be done in the evening as a PTA event.

Also, is there anything we can get to supplement the children school work for snow days? Perhaps the teachers can send out information or appropriate links.

Diversity - is anything going to happen at Waverly as a follow up to the MHHS incident? Nothing is going on right now at Waverly. Generally these issues are addressed based on the school. Ms. G is conducting bullying and ROAR workshops to promote good behavior and unity.

Teacher Report - Shari Haddaway

The conferences went really well and dinner was fantastic, thank you. Also, thank you to Cultural Arts for the recycling presentation. The kindergartners are really excited to recycle. They are coming up with ways to creatively encouraging all grades to be green. Will look into the possibility of a green assembly during lunch. This assembly would be at no cost. Shari has all the contact information and can check with each team.

Treasurer's Report - Saral Patel

We received some income - \$79.74 from Terracycle along with \$68 from Spirit Wear. Not much to report since we were out. Checks have been paid for the 5th grade assembly, hospitality, Valentine's Day and the puppet show. Since last meeting not that many IA's came in, the deadline is March.

Book Fair - Cris Boarman

The Book Fair is from 2/22 - 2/26 with extended hours on Tuesday and Wednesday until 6 pm. On Friday 2/26 there will be teacher readings from 6 - 7 pm and the ice cream social from 7 - 8 pm. Will coordinate with Rachel on how the teachers should bring the classes in to preview during the day. Cris will forward Rachel all the times and information.

Old Business - Karyn Peluso

Karyn is checking with Mrs. Jacobs on having another clothing drive.

Council Delegates Report - Anastasia Booth

As always, the meeting was very exciting. Anastasia reviewed the items below and Karen will include the BOE link in her next PTA email.

These are the websites and links from the PTACHC meeting.

Hint: if you click on the link and it doesn't work, then copy and paste the link into your browser.

1. Operating Budget Presentation

(Public Hearing is tonight at 7 pm at BOE. You can attend in person or view online or on Comcast 92/Verizon42)

Budget Power Point Presentation from Jan. 7 BOE meeting:

[http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/files/A5Y99P79AF52/\\$file/01%2007%202016%20FY17%20Operating%20Budget%20PowerPoint.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/files/A5Y99P79AF52/$file/01%2007%202016%20FY17%20Operating%20Budget%20PowerPoint.pdf)

Budget Guide: <http://www.hcpss.org/about-us/budgets/>

2. Proposed 2016-17 Calendar Reports:

FYI: Students are mandated to attend school 180 days. (half days count)

Dec. 17 Report:[http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/files/A53HWL4A52C5/\\$file/11%2019%202015%20Proposed%202016-2017%20Academic%20Calendar%20BR.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/files/A53HWL4A52C5/$file/11%2019%202015%20Proposed%202016-2017%20Academic%20Calendar%20BR.pdf)

January 14 Report: [http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/files/A5Y7HD74E04B/\\$file/01%2014%202016%20Proposed%202016-2017%20Academic%20Calendar%20BR.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/files/A5Y7HD74E04B/$file/01%2014%202016%20Proposed%202016-2017%20Academic%20Calendar%20BR.pdf) a. The two motions that sent the proposed calendar back to committee are at the bottom of the page b. The power point report: [http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/files/A677R200E876/\\$file/01%2014%202016%20Proposed%202016-2017%20Calendar%20PowerPoint.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/files/A677R200E876/$file/01%2014%202016%20Proposed%202016-2017%20Calendar%20PowerPoint.pdf)

3. BOE Quarterly Agenda Jan-March 2016: [http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/files/A6L55J77C449/\\$file/Jan%20Mar%202016%20BOE%20Qrtly%20Agenda%20Approved%20Rev%206.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/files/A6L55J77C449/$file/Jan%20Mar%202016%20BOE%20Qrtly%20Agenda%20Approved%20Rev%206.pdf)

4. BOE Cluster Assignments : <http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/public>

5. Friends of Education Award - Deadline extended to Feb. 5 <http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/public>

6. APFO (Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance) <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/exec.aspx?id=6442479635> What is APFO? The growth of HoCo calls for a thorough evaluation to establish guidelines for school and road construction. The task force will determine adequate guidelines for the development of school capacity, road capacity, public transportation, and housing stock to achieve long term planning objectives.

7. School Start Times Report was presented at the October 22, 2105 BOE meeting Report from October 22, 2105: [http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/files/A3CVAF5BA5F9/\\$file/10%2022%202015%20School%20Start%20and%20Dismissal%20Time%20Charter%20Committee%20Update%20BR.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/files/A3CVAF5BA5F9/$file/10%2022%202015%20School%20Start%20and%20Dismissal%20Time%20Charter%20Committee%20Update%20BR.pdf) Power Point Presentation: [http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/files/A3JN2T561750/\\$file/10%2022%202015%20School%20Start%20and%20Dismissal%20Time%20PowerPoint.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/files/A3JN2T561750/$file/10%2022%202015%20School%20Start%20and%20Dismissal%20Time%20PowerPoint.pdf)

8. World Language Program General Information <http://www.hcpss.org/academics/world-language-program/> **Update on World Lang. Program was presented to BOE last March, 2015 Power Point presentation:** [http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/files/9UZ9PC6D553F/\\$file/03%2026%202015%20World%20Language%20PowerPoint.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/files/9UZ9PC6D553F/$file/03%2026%202015%20World%20Language%20PowerPoint.pdf)

9. National PTA Board of Directors Adopts Position Statement on Student Assessment and Opt-Out Policies <http://www.pta.org/newsevents/newsdetail.cfm?ItemNumber=4719>

10. Survey for State Superintendent (closes Feb. 3) <http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/stateboard/docs/MDStateSuperintendentSearch2016.pdf>

11. National PTA Advocacy Toolkit is designed to help child advocates speak up for the health and well-being of all children. Use this resource for everything from writing your legislators to scheduling Capitol Hill visits—even to reach out to the media. <http://www.pta.org/advocacy/content.cfm?ItemNumber=1927&navItemNumber=55>

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