

Minutes of the PTA BOD Meeting
Held March 15th, 2017 at 7pm
Waverly Elementary School Media Center

Attendees

Kelly Balchunas
Saral Patel
Nancy Pitrone
Nicky Mantzouris
Susan Walker

Kathy Jacobs
Rachel Edoho-Eket
Shari Haddaway
Lorenza Celi

President's Report

Kelly Balchunas

- The PTA room is a mess. Please keep it clean! Would like to put a sign on the door.
- Leisl Edwards - Penguin Patch Points - 9,000 points
 - For future raffles could use points on a Kindle Fire (but we have one) or Electric Razor
- Orioles Game - Feedback is that there is a lot going on in May (Hershey Park tix, movie night May 12) also a long weekend and families go away. Not going to push forward.
- County Executive Meeting - Several groups represented - HCCC, HCLS, etc. Kelly spoke about supporting the support staff positions in the elementary schools (ie: para-educators, teaching assistants)

Principal's Report

Kathy Jacobs

- Thank you for the great dinner organized by the PTA during Parent Teacher Conferences. Conferences went very well.
- STEM Day - Friday, March 17th during the school day - will have guest speakers and special activities in each team
- Spelling Bee - Friday night; Jack VanTine will represent Waverly
- Science Fair - March 23rd

Assistant Principal's Report

Rachel Edoho-Eket

- 3rd Grade Cogat Scores sent out last week
- PARCC Testing starting the end of April for 3rd, 4th & 5th grades
- MISA testing this week for 5th grade
- Class pictures - next Friday March 24th, forms to go home

Vice President's Report

Nancy Pitrone

Staff Appreciation Week - May 1-5, Dr Seuss theme; things are moving forward

Teachers Report

Shari Haddaway

- Kindergarten Orientation - Tuesday, May 2nd 2-3pm
- June 1 4:15-5 - playdate on the playground
- Money in the budget to use (\$100) towards popsicles or Rita's

Treasurer's Report

Saral Patel

1. No updates on membership and hassle free campaign
2. Next up for filing deadlines is Annual Personal Property Tax by April 2017
3. Winter Dance wrap-up: did well, \$423.50 in food sales and expenses came in within reason. Overall family enrichment has spent about half their budget and exceeded their income per budget
4. Spirit Wear- Told by Megan that she has checks to deposit, but still waiting for them
5. Book Fair- income was below budget by about \$500, but expenses came in way under budget (\$997). They did a fabulous job of collecting and organizing deposit and cash - Kudos to Cris B!
6. Community Partners- Amazon Smile came in this month (every quarter EFT), Hershey park and Orioles will help us reach budget (\$70/quarter)
7. Restaurant Night- need volunteer to set up something before spring break...How's Glory days going? Kelly will call Chipotle
8. Cultural Arts- doing well and staying within budget...checks went out for Ken Scott, Mr. Bond Science Guy and Club Scientific
9. Related Arts budget- PE used \$1998 out of 2000 for heart rate monitors and equipment..fantastic. Spent \$300 out of \$1200 concert budget (\$900 for spring concerts)
10. Special Days- Used \$350 for International night out of Misc budget. Ms. Jacobs and Cyndy notified of \$50 for Science Fair/STEM Night
11. Teacher IA- rolling in. Final hard deadline is 3/21 for team leaders to turn in receipts
12. Team Picnics- Valentines budget was \$850, went over (spent \$1448.58), I will let Kelly and Kelly discuss and field any questions. Per budget only have \$504.14 for EOY picnics (budget was \$150x6 classes) Next year we should split the budgets for the parties - i.e. Halloween 1/3 of budget, Valentine's Day 2/3 of budget (due to craft)
12. Box Tops Income came in \$1992.70!!

Council Delegate's Report

Nicki Mantzouris

Minutes and Treasurer's Report - accepted, both can be found on PTACHC website
Homewood Assistance

- At previous meeting, PTAs were asked to consider increasing dues to \$200, with the \$30 increase going to fund the special schools
- Many PTAs approved, with some concerns over "fairness" to smaller PTAs
- Notes: monetary donations not enough, also need volunteers
- Another option: each PTA donates what it feels it can afford
- The issue has been tabled, there were no votes on the 2 options

Legislative Report

- Document is on the PTACHC website

Superintendent's Report

- BOE FY 2018 Budget Request - BOE has approved its Operating Budget Request for the 2017-2018 school year totaling 872.4 million. This amount represents a net increase of 3.5 million over the Superintendent's budget request and 64 million over the amount funded for the FY 2017 school year
- Budget additions include
 - 93.5 new positions
 - Increases in funding for summer school, intramural programs
- Budget cuts:
 - all school websites
 - live video streaming of commencement ceremonies and other events
 - staff retirement celebrations
 - staff service milestone recognitions
 - Gallup student strength and staff engagement initiatives
 - Reduction in school system legal fees
 - Reduction in contracted services and supplies for communications and human resources
- Community Input
 - submit feedback to boe@hcpss.org

HCPSS Bus Transportation

- There are 453 buses, over 100 schools
- Lengthy presentation on bus safety, driver training
- Note that the county is looking for bus divers - pay is \$15 - \$18/hour with benefits

Calendar was passed, 9/5 is the start of the school year, 6/14 is the last day of school
School year 2018 - 2019 - 8:20 - 9:25 a.m. start times

Committee Reports

Book Fair

Cris Boarman

Many thanks to the devoted Book Fair Committee: Amber Sites, Bernadine Zissu, Erin McGinnis, and Scarlet Goon. Thank you to the Media Staff: Mrs. Joshephson, Ms. Haavik, and Mrs. McQuarry. Thanks to the many volunteers(new and veteran) who helped work the book fair to get such wonderful books in the hands of our students at Waverly.

Saral has the final number in cash that the PTA received from the Book Fair sales after the deposit.

We did just over \$17,000 in sales (includes the online orders).

Collected \$167 for All for Books! Waverly families are so so generous!

Bought the Media Center and Ms. Frederick for her reading program: \$929.57 in new books!

Each teacher received a book from their wish list from the PTA: \$240.66

We had 15 students who won in the Marshmallow guessing game and bought \$121.85 in books for them.

Gave out \$70 in gift certificates to custodians and guest teacher readers.

Very Successful! Waverly still has \$600 in Scholastic Dollars in our account on reserve for the following year or if something comes up and the PTA would like to buy something additional from the Scholastic Catalog. (better to keep on reserve in Scholastic dollars vs. cashing out).

The 3 extended days on the fair went well. We had positive feedback from the teachers and media specialists. Evening hours were hopping! Ice Cream Social and Teacher Guest Readers were very successful! Thank you to Erin McGinnis who organized it. She was able to get 100% of the Ice Cream donated from Harris Teeter and we received a \$25 gift card from Weis! Thank you to our community grocery stores!

Backorders and Online orders were filled today except for 1 student who we made a special call into Scholastic and she should get her book soon!

A suggestion was made that we might do the Book Fair the same week as teacher conferences next year?

Pro:

Increased traffic at school!

Con:

We usually run the book fair during a 5 full day week vs. 3 full days and 2 half days.

Jump Rope for Heart is usually going on at the same time.

Friday is a half day and we that is the night we do the ice cream social, might impact sales?

Kelly, let me know your thoughts so I can reserve our fair for next year.

Family enrichment**Mary Levinshon-Klyap**

Year-end picnic - we're exploring different options. We're looking to hold it at Waverly (instead of off campus), but looking to have some activities that go along with the picnic (to keep the children occupied, since they won't have access to the fields/playground). I'll have a better idea of a date now that this storm is over and we know (more or less) when the last day of school will be.

Movie night - as Karyn mentioned - The price for the movie (projector, screen, speakers, and licensing) is \$436. Does May 12th look like a good date for this? We like this idea as our replacement for screen free week. Kid Council could help select a popular movie :).

Fun Run**Karyn Peluso**

Spring Fun Run: My committee voted unanimously to NOT hold the fun run this year. The overall sentiment was that running around a track would not be appealing to a large number of people. If this is something that you want to see happen next year, and construction will still be hindering the Waverly campus, I suggest that you choose a date and get the permits from the police in the fall (at the latest). I am happy to help someone get the permits secured.

Nomination Committee**Karyn Peluso**

The main areas of need for next year are Council Delegates, Family Enrichment, Fundraising, Hospitality, and Parent Resource Room (collecting mail for PTA).

Fall Fest**Karyn Peluso**

Fall Fest committee has NO ONE on it at this time. Is this a fundraiser that you think will continue? If so, we will need to start recruiting.

New Business

Basket Bingo - Follow up with Mrs. Atkins who has run for her school's PTA. We should do it.

Adjourn