

Minutes of the PTA BOD Meeting Held May 10th, 2017 WES Media Center

In attendance

Kelly Van Horn
Nancy Pitrone
Kathy Jacobs
Rachel Edoho-Eket
Susan Walker
Nicki Mantzouris
Nizom Gul
Saral Patel
Lorenza Biagioni
Fiona Mosley
Tracy McEvoy

Mary Klyap
Cynthia Coleman
Jen Koscis
Scarlett Goon
Kelly Balchunas
Melek Gul
Christina Delmont Small
Irem Demirkan
Debbi Holihan
Ellie Paczkowski

PTA President Report

Kelly Balchunas welcomed Christina Delmont Small (CDS), our WES Cluster Representative Board of Education (BOE) member. CDS is here to get to know WES and answer any questions.

Principal and Vice Principal Report

Kathy Jacobs and Rachel Edoho-Eket presented a slideshow to give an overview of WES. Some slides included . . .

Waverly at a Glance

Fast Facts

Facility opened - 1990

Additions/Renovations: 2007 (A)

School Capacity: 638
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 9 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment (PreK-5): 766

Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaskan	0.3%
Asian	39.6%
Black/African American	6.4%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Hispanic/Latino	2.2%
White	48.0%
Two or more races	3.5%

Students Receiving Special Services 2015-16

Free/Reduced Lunch	≤5.0%
Ltd. English Proficient	≤5.0%
Special Education	13.4%
Title I	0 or <10 students

PTA members: 478

Waverly Elementary School PARCC Assessment Performance Results

Performance Level	Mathematics		English Lang. Arts	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Level 5: Exceeded expectations	20.7%	16.7%	10.4%	8.9%
Level 4: Met expectations	56.3%	49.5%	60.2%	61.1%
Level 3: Approached expectations	16.8%	22.7%	21.9%	19.3%
Level 2: Partially met expectations	<=5	7.8%	6.3%	8.1%
Level 1: Did not meet expectations	<=5	<=5%	<=5	<=5%

Exciting news at Waverly

- Three Phase Construction and Renovation Plan
 - Includes a new gymnasium
 - Two story addition
 - Full interior renovation
- Mrs. Kathy Jacobs named HCPSS 2017 Principal of the Year finalist
- Mrs. Rachael Allison is the HCPSS 2017 Counselor of the Year
- Named a Niche.com 2017 Top 10 Maryland Elementary School

About our School

- Talented Staff and Students!
- 808 students (77 preschool; 731 K – 5)
- RECC; Pre-K-5
- Regional ALS, E-PL
- Elementary School Model School
- Maryland Green School
- # 1 Jump Rope for Heart School



Board of Education WES Cluster Representative

Christina Delmont Small (CDS) is very happy to be at WES. She says the best thing that she gets to do is visit schools.

CDS has two children attending Howard County schools. Her daughter is at Centennial Elementary School and her son attends Centennial High School. CDS was very active in the local PTA. She was also involved in the PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC), including being elected president. In addition, CDS served on the Maryland PTA Board of Directors.

Through CDS's years on the PTACHC, she noticed the voices of parents and community members were not as involved in the BOE decision making process as she would have liked. As such a diverse community with amazing skill sets, CDS felt we should utilize more voices rather than fewer. As an advocate for local input and parent involvement in the education decisions of their children, CDS believes a BOE must engage with parents, teachers and other stakeholders before making decisions.

Questions for CDS from our Waverly families/stakeholders . . .

Scarlett Goon - What are your thoughts on redistricting?

CDS responded that the BOE determines the school's attendance areas as mandated by state law and that an area attendance committee is currently being formed. This committee will present information to the BOE. CDS shared that the BOE believes we need to look at the whole county. In the past, redistricting has been determined by the opening of a school, resulting in a domino effect. The current BOE believes this process can be improved by "ripping off the band-aid". They believe this piece-meal approach is not serving Howard County well. CDS believes community schools are very important and wishes to create as little disruption as possible, but look at redistricting as an entire county. There are pockets of availability throughout the county - mostly in the west. The BOE would like as much input from the community as possible and cause as little pain as possible, but there will have to be some movement. CDS believes that your community is your neighborhood and is hopeful that there is a way to keep communities together.

The BOE is open to reviewing all options. CDS said Open Enrollment has come up and people are concerned that it could create inequality. In schools that have capacity, parents could choose to apply to have a student go to a school that is not at capacity. CDS believes we need to have an open, honest discussion about as many different options as possible. CDS also said, if Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) focuses on the needs of every child to give them what they need to be successful, it should not matter where you attend school within the county.

There are many pockets of development coming down the line. There is a need for better conversation between HCPSS and the Howard County Planning and Development Committee. CDS encourages parents and community members to contact Greg Fox as he needs to hear parent's concerns regarding coordination between HCPSS and the county and other elected officials.

A week or two ago families were invited to attend redistricting talks. Cynthia Coleman was very shocked to see the lack of people in attendance. Perhaps people feel that even if they attend meetings their input does not matter. CDS acknowledged that even though the BOE will ultimately make the decision regarding redistricting, they need community feedback and parent input is a critical part of the decision making process. CDS is looking at different ways to involve the community and educators.

CDS encouraged the WES PTA to create a Redistricting Committee. She also recommended that the WES PTA arrange to have Renée Kamen come explain attendance area planning. Kelly Balchunas said she had plans for the PTA to do this but that there was not enough time this year, but will do so next year.

Kelly Balchunas - How do you, as a member of the BOE, foresee working better with the county in planning so that we don't just have development and not enough infrastructure?

The Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) review task force has a representative for the BOE. A lot of people are not happy with the task force.

Apparently it was not a pleasant process with hard fought battles. CDS would like to speak with the APFO Chair and the BOE, and would like to see a representative from the BOE and a representative from the Howard County executive office work jointly to determine adequate guidelines for development.

CDS is a great believer in looking beyond the boundaries of Howard County for possible answers to questions. This problem is not unique to Howard County. Fixing the problem starts with communication.

Ellie Paczkowski - What can you tell us about the new superintendent?

Kathy Jacob said she has worked with Michael Martirano, the acting superintendent, in the county. Kathy was an Assistant Principal and he was the Administrative Director of Education. Kathy was pleased when she heard Michael Martirano had been named as acting superintendent. He is a down to earth, real person. As an Administrative Director he was always present, involved and encouraging. And he has served as an elementary, middle and high school principal during his career. He really has the whole picture.

CDS said this has been a very challenging time. The BOE wanted to make sure that when Foose retired there was a plan in place. Michael Martirano was state superintendent of West Virginia. He spent 9 years in St. Mary's County as their superintendent. BOE felt he would be the best fit at this point in time. CDS said the man does not sleep and is very energetic. He loves kids and people can truly see the teacher side of him. He is student centered. The State of Maryland requires local

superintendents to serve from July 1 for four years. Right now Michael Martirano is our acting superintendent. The BOE will have to name an interim superintendent for one year (on June 30th) while the BOE has a national search for superintendent, at which point anyone can apply. Ultimately, the decision will be up to the BOE but the decision will not be made without community input. The more community input the better.

Rachel Edoho-Eket said she is pleased that the superintendent knows our county and is familiar with how Howard County works. He raised his children here and is uniquely suited to help Howard County through this time of transition.

CDS said the lawsuits have been dismissed and that there is a confidential settlement agreement.

Kelly Balchunas said she is impressed that Michael Martirano already reached out to the PTA Presidents.

Kelly Balchunas - Can the community get better transparency and trust in what is presented by the BOE?

CDS said certain things by nature can not be transparent. For example, during the superintendent search the BOE can't necessarily identify who is applying as they may currently be employed. That said, what can be transparent will be. CDS wants to be able to have as open a process as possible. She would like to see a dialogue between community and BOE throughout the decision making processes, keeping in mind there are things that can not be discussed in public such as personnel information.

What about the budget?

CDS believes we need to figure out how the money has been allocated in the past in order to move forward.

Currently the budget has been funded in Maintenance of Effort (MOE) as mandated by State Law and gave \$2.3 million above. CDS would like to see a realistic view of how the money has been previously spent and what is needed, so that a realistic budget can be presented and funded.

Kelly Balchunas - How do we know where the money has been spent?

CDS says this is the biggest problem. We have to figure out where and how the money has been allocated. We need to know what has been going on so we can move forward responsibly. We need to determine where our resources have been allocated in the past.

Melek & Nizom Gul - Are there any political changes/updates coming down from the new Education Secretary?

In Howard County we are not as dependent on federal dollars as other jurisdictions. We do need it for Title One. We don't have the monetary relationship with the federal government that other jurisdictions, who rely on much greater funds from the federal government, do.

Kathy Jacobs believes in this county and continues to be amazed by the diligence and knowledge base of the county curriculum offices and how they have brought in so many resources aligned to the new curricula. This, she believes, has been the root of the county's success in obtaining high achievement levels.

CDS invites calls and emails. Even though CDS is the WES Cluster Representative, please feel free to speak to other BOE members as well. Testimony to BOE does not have to be a speech. If you have concerns for the BOE, consider presenting in form of questions. Putting thoughts and ideas out there to see if BOE has answers to questions about an issue can potentially provide more information. Emails can also be sent to Kelly Balchunas and she can pass them along to the BOE. Kelly is happy to advocate for PTA members. CDS said that Kelly may send the BOE a document of comments collected from community members.



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Treasurer Report

1. Personal Property Return filed
2. Box Tops came in \$352.90
3. Teacher IA issue
4. Music Department Issue
5. Knight Insurance paid for 2017-2018
6. Bank account locked.

Saral Patel

Budget

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Category Description	7/1/2016 Actual	- Budget	6/30/2017 Difference
Income			
TOTAL Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unassigned			
ADVOCACY INCOME			
FALL FEST	13,901.45	8,520.00	5,381.45
FAMILY ENRICH	1,112.40	750.00	362.40
FIFTH GRADE ACTIVITIES	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00
HOLIDAY SHOP	3,894.05	3,000.00	894.05
MEMBERSHIP	4,824.00	5,500.00	-676.00
SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS	742.80	1,500.00	-757.20
SPIRIT WEAR	630.70	1,250.00	-619.30
YEARBOOK	4,478.87	2,400.00	2,078.87
TOTAL ADVOCACY INCOME	29,584.27	25,420.00	4,164.27
ALLOCATED RESERVE BROUGHT FORWARD	0.00	2,930.09	-2,930.09
FUNDRAISING INC			
BOOKFAIR	6,200.15	6,750.00	-549.85
BOX TOPS	1,545.60	2,000.00	-454.40
Community Partners	10,560.86	11,000.00	-439.14
GREEN SCHOOL INCOME	0.00	700.00	-700.00
HASSLE FREE CAMPAIGN	9,290.00	11,750.00	-2,460.00
RESTAURANT NIGHTS	410.87	1,000.00	-589.13
Spring Fundraiser TBD	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00
TOTAL FUNDRAISING INC	28,007.48	37,200.00	-9,192.52
INTEREST INCOME	20.57	25.00	-4.43
UNALLOCATED RESERVE BROUGHT FOR...	0.00	13,690.66	-13,690.66
ADVOCACY EXP			
BOX TOPS & BONUS	0.00	-100.00	100.00
COPY EXPENSE	0.00	-900.00	900.00
CULTURAL ARTS	-5,572.74	-9,500.00	3,927.26
FALL FEST EXP	-5,551.18	-5,000.00	-551.18
FAMILY ENRICH	-1,509.05	-3,000.00	1,490.95
FIFTH GRADE ACTIVITIES	-250.00	-2,500.00	2,250.00
Fifth Grade T Shirts	-962.00	-1,000.00	38.00
GREEN SCHOOL	0.00	-500.00	500.00
HOLIDAY SHOP	-3,023.03	-3,000.00	-23.03
HOSPITALITY	-986.94	-1,350.00	363.06
PTA MEMBERSHIP	-1,530.00	-2,250.00	720.00
REFLECTIONS			
Other ADVOCACY EXP:REFLECTIONS	-419.34	-500.00	80.66
TOTAL REFLECTIONS	-419.34	-500.00	80.66
RELATED ARTS	-3,211.90	-3,200.00	-11.90
SCHOOL SUP KITS	0.00	-750.00	750.00
SCHOOL WIDE INC	-859.29	-1,000.00	140.71
SPECIAL DAYS	-366.03	-1,500.00	1,133.97
SPIRIT WEAR EXP	-257.74	-500.00	242.26
STAFF APPRECIATION	0.00	-3,000.00	3,000.00
Teacher Appreciation Week	-953.99	0.00	-953.99
TEACHER IA SUPP	-4,007.68	-4,000.00	-7.68
Team Picnics and Parties	-2,095.86	-2,600.00	504.14

Budget

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Category Description	7/1/2016 Actual	- Budget	6/30/2017 Difference
WELLNESS PROGRAMS	-239.85	-300.00	60.15
YEARBOOK	0.00	-500.00	500.00
TOTAL ADVOCACY EXP	-31,796.62	-46,950.00	15,153.38
FUNDRAISING EXP			
BOOKFAIR EXPENS	-2,502.90	-3,500.00	997.10
COMMUNITY PARTNERS	-7,600.90	-8,500.00	899.10
Spring Fundraiser TBD	0.00	-4,000.00	4,000.00
TOTAL FUNDRAISING EXP	-10,103.80	-16,000.00	5,896.20
GENERAL EXP			
ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	-100.00	-100.00	0.00
BANKING	-133.05	-150.00	16.95
COUNCIL DUES	-170.00	-170.00	0.00
GIFTS	0.00	-500.00	500.00
HISTORIAN	0.00	-100.00	100.00
INSURANCE	-212.00	-225.00	13.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	-508.09	-500.00	-8.09
PTA Meetings	0.00	-100.00	100.00
SCHOLARSHIP	-150.00	-150.00	0.00
Taxes	-200.00	-200.00	0.00
TOTAL GENERAL EXP	-1,473.14	-2,195.00	721.86
TOTAL Unassigned	14,238.76	14,120.75	118.01
OVERALL TOTAL	14,238.76	14,120.75	118.01

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