

PTA BOD Meeting – January 13, 2015

Minutes to review – Approved

Presidents Report -

1. Welcome Back:
 - a. Hard to believe that we are already into a new year. Thanks to all the wonderful work that was done at the end of 2014 and the great work already started for 2015. We have more Family Enrichment on the way, assemblies, Book Fair, Fifth Grade Activities and, of course, the Auction. Before we know it, we will be getting ready for Screen Free week and Staff Appreciation. Thanks to each and every one of you for all your hard work and dedication.
2. Feedback about Wellness Policy:
 - a. Thanks to everyone who provided feedback. We all seemed to be in agreement for the most part, that things need to change with the wellness policy centering on parties. Shelley represented us at the last meeting.
 - b. *All 3 motions that were emailed out received majority vote and therefore the PTACHC is going to advocate to the BOE that they review those 3 portions of the policy. One member of the BOE said they were dealing with a full agenda and that this late into the year she was not sure how much could be accomplished. Therefore the collective group wants each individual PTA president to email the BOE and Dr. Foose to state that their community would like this reviewed ASAP. Most parents were concerned with end of year activities such as 8th grade graduations and popsicles for field day and wanted it addressed now.*
3. Nomination Committee: Yes it is time. I need at least 3, no more than 5, individuals to be on the Nomination Committee. As president, I am not allowed to be one of those people. The purpose of the committee is to recruit our executive board and general board of director's members for the next year. I will solicit the members to see who is staying in their spots, so the NomCom knows what they are looking for. Anyone interested?
4. Additional Delegate notes:
 - a. *The only other thing mentioned that I thought was relevant to our parents was that the county will no longer be calling into local TV stations to announce weather closings or delays. There were several incidents last year where Harford and Howard were confused. They will rely on texting, email and social media. There is also a phone number you can call if you do not have access to the previously mentioned.*

PTA had a guest speaker from HCPSS – Ebony Langford Brown – Ms. Brown reviewed the new Howard County Elementary school model. Waverly will pilot parts of this model in the 2015/2016 school year. For more information read here: <http://www.hcpss.org/academics/elementary-school-model/>

Our students will have 30 minutes of Spanish daily and will no longer study Chinese. Waverly will not participate in the full day Pre-K program or the tele-health components due to space limitations. This new model will have some impact on related arts so please review. HCPSS will schedule parent sessions before the end of the school year to review the new model and its impact on Waverly.

Principals Report – Accolades to school. Niche.com # 1 public school in the state of Maryland. Staff and student engagement numbers have improved. Achievement and rigor goals have increased participation in CEU's. Working on interventions and creative ways to work with students to increase performance. Change is a great opportunity and will benefit students. Conferences coming soon – offering evening conference this year but will Thursday afternoon and Thursday evening and if teacher is participating in the evening conference there will be no Friday afternoon conference. Or on both days if no evening work. Teachers will meet with parents during the day or before school as needed. Concerts upcoming. Chorus concert cluster concert – was impressive. Continued challenges with parking with bus drivers and parents dropping off children. Parents should not use parking spaces in the morning to drop off children – please be patient and use the drop off line.

Assistant Principals Report – Waverly staff open to changes around new model. Map testing underway.

Vice Presidents Report – None

Teacher Representative – Mrs. Haddaway – question about Valentines party. The auction – teams need to know what the teacher experiences are. A letter about donation process and form being sent soon to teachers.

Auction – procurement underway – stuff is coming in. Still need big ticket items for the raffle. We have 170 business and individuals being pursued. Most expensive is 1000 in consultation for renovations.

Council Delegate Report – See Presidents notes above

Treasurer's report – received 1311.00 for box tops. Some donations for auction.

Committees Report –

Book Fair – moved to end of February 23rd – 27th. Setup Thursday February 19th. After school hours and school hours. Teacher readers, ice cream social. Book fair will also be on-line (books will be delivered to schools and then to students)

Old Business - None

New Business – None

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