

PTA Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2014

Members Present:

Stacy Kahn, Jocelyn Ulrich, Kurt Shanfield, Kysha Pierre-Louis , Lang Lin, Tracy Levine, Kellie Zuba, Saira Aslam, Diana Gallagher

Stacy asked for Board support for upcoming events

- Signage at Back to School Picnic advertising PTA encouraging families to donate
- Traci to give Greer info for the next Bear Post

Funds Update

- So far \$19,411 in donations (after picnic last year was \$18,394, goal is \$26,000)

223 members total (250 at picnic time last year)

- 17 Teachers have joined (47 teachers at this time last year)
- 37 \$181 or more
- Average donation is \$115
- 68 (30%) joined but did not donate
- 13 families donated but did not join
- 54 CalTort cards have been sold which equals roughly \$500 in profit
- \$2300 in Spirit Wear purchases

Leftover T-shirts to be given to new teachers

Enrichment – Late loss of co-chair

- Safety Training for enrichment vendors at Bells Mill PTA events on MCPS policies
- Kelly to meet with Kakki

First Restaurant Night at BGR will be on Sept 18

- CPK, CalTort, Potomac Pizza, Chipotle, Five Guys, Tally Ho for future Restaurant nights

Delegate Reports

- Lang is going to be co-chair for GT committee for the MCCPTA
- Efforts to improve resource availability for parents on different programs

- Parent Portal to review 2.0 curriculum
- Black History Month – preparations ongoing
- Curriculum 2.0 – teacher training is an issue – discussion of training for teachers for 2.0 curriculum

PTA Events Discussion

- Silent Auction put on hold
- Discussion of types of events we should have this year
- Hispanic Heritage Night requested by Mrs. O
- Autism Awareness Month – April – Diana to Chair
- Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad

Thank You notes - Saira to send

- “Did you know you can double your donation with corporate match” stickers for the thank you notes

Yearbook

- We don't have a vendor yet

School is now using Freed Photography instead of LifeTouch

Effort to reduce cost of the yearbook

Insure all students included in the yearbook and are in the correct class

First PTA meeting is October 7

Room parent meeting prior to first PTA meeting October 7 prior to the PTA meeting – lead room parent Audre Park

Martin Aliaga – new lunch recess/lunch coordinator

Need parent library volunteers

Committees – Stacy to send out list

Stepping Stones – collect for donation, can talk to the SGA and see if they are interested in helping when the truck comes