PTA Meeting Minutes, January 5, 2016

President’s Report:

* How do we get more people to attend PTA meetings?
  + - Morning meetings?
    - Bi-monthly meetings?
* Great feedback on “Donuts with Dad” and “Muffins with Mom”
* The 4th/5th grade dance has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances
* The PTA Board is in need of a Secretary.

Treasurers’ Report:

* + BMES PTA has received a grant of $10,000 for health and fitness-related expenditures

Delegate Report:

* Budget 101 went live December 8, 2015

Enrichment Report:

* Winter enrichment begins the week of January 11, 2016
* Enrichment follows MCPS weather-related closure guidelines. Please sign up for alerts, so that you will know when to pick up your kids.

Radon:

* Bells Mill tested clear for radon
* All Montgomery County schools will be retested

Mrs. O:

* The matriculation process for 5th graders into Cabin John Middle School has begun
* Kindergarten orientation date TBD
* Early information is critical to establish staffing for next year
  + - Make sure you fill out and return the forms indicating your plans for next year
    - Please tell any neighbors with incoming K kids to contact the school ASAP.
* Parent drop off – please follow established rules:
  + - Pull all the way up and drop children off on the passenger side. Once children exit the car move along.

PARCC – Partnership for Readiness for College and Careers:

* Grades 3—5 take the PARCC test at Bells Mill
* The test provides an opportunity to gain insight into what students know
* The test is reported to be rigorous
* The test is based on a scale of 1-5
* Results were sent in the mail and should have been received before Winter break
* Bells Mill has been selected as a pilot school for 2016-17 in relation to modifications to the PARCC test