

PTA MEETING
MARCH 7, 2017 7:00 pm

Stella Kostolampros called meeting 7:20 pm Kysha Pierre-Louis second all in favor. Meeting started at 7:20 pm.

Review of by-laws- Stella just quickly goes through announcement of By - law review.

Jaime- Delegate- this meeting is laying the ground work for recruitment for volunteers. We need committee board and time donated.

Passes out 3 informative hand outs

1. Mission of PTA - generally talks about what the PTA does. Sheet will be uploaded onto site
2. Committee List- a list of committees that people can volunteer for. Updated list will be uploaded onto the website.
3. Board positions to be filled. Sheet will be uploaded onto site

Stacy Khan speaks about the importance of getting members of the membership to help out and volunteer.

Guocheng Makes a suggestion to try out a position while the position is filled currently, so that the transition would be less overwhelming.

Jialu- even for the sub-committees it is easier to shadow and get more knowledge of the position.

Jamie- asks "recognizing that a lot of parents works and being available for the necessities of being able to come to school for meeting with Mrs. O?

Mrs.O -replies that we would work a time out to meet. We work as a team, the needs are for us to touch base and talk the needs of the school and PTA. We can communicate through phone calls and e-mails too. We just want for parents to be involved.

Stella Sandler asks - how do we get the words out for these positions.

Stacy Kahn replies, we have a fine line between to little and too much information out there. So we have been asking and talking about this for 6 months and it's been hard. The PTA has been running well for a while and now we are in a deficit, which is alarming.

Mrs. O- Encourages everyone to volunteer.

Being away for 6 weeks, makes me appreciate this school and the membership. We just need to rally and get everyone involved.

this is the time where we start getting ready for next year, and we are looking at decrease in size. (The county is projecting) Which means a decrease in staffing. We need to have as much student information as possible (blue forms) in so that we have proper staffing.

It is important to have the BLUE FORMS filled out and returned.

We have some testing NESAs for 5th graders

Also Park Assessment for the 3, 4 and 5th graders. Please look out for those dates April 24 and 25th Kindergarten Orientation. No school for current Kindergarteners. 55 Kids are coming in.

Churchill cluster meeting- happens once every 3 years. Board of Ed gives the cluster a moment for discussion on the cluster. It is done in a round house forum, which gives parents a moment to speak to the Board and about the cluster. Informative evening March 16 7-9 pm Potomac Elementary school.

We entered for the WTOP click for Kids. The voting started yesterday on the WTOP web site and vote for Bells Mill as the Best for Kids.. Gives us extra funding for technology. We need more Chrome books for 2nd graders. We would like to extend it to Kindergarten and 1st graders.

Stacy Kahn, in speaking with the treasurer, the PTA should be able to fund one or two carts.

Jaime makes motion to pass meeting minutes from February meeting. Kysha seconds. Motion Passed.

Meeting motioned to end by President at 8:19 pm

Motioned seconded and passed.