

Bells Mill PTA Meeting
October 2, 2012

1. President's Welcome – Eris Norman talked a little about what the PTA does and introduced the PTA Board.
 - a. Many opportunities to volunteer just visit the website **bellsmill.org**
 - b. We are at 433 PTA members. We are aiming for 100% participation this year.
 - c. Different fundraisers one being California Tortilla cards. Purchase \$50 card and you get a free PTA membership.
 - d. Spirit wear will be sold before most PTA events while inventory lasts.
 - e. Adult t-shirts that were ordered will be in the next few weeks.
 - f. Book fair will be open October 8th during Open House. Additional evening hours added.
 - g. Bake sale volunteers needed for during Book Fair.
 - h. Please return Kidstuff books or else send in \$25. If not returned or paid PTA will have to pay.

2. Treasurers Report – Kurt Shanfield discussed the budget.
 - a. The balance at the beginning of the Quarter \$35, 336.
 - b. She talked about the Income items and the Expense items. The breakdown was given in a handout.
 - c. Motion to pass budget
 - d. Budget passed

3. Delegate Report- Katie Sonnabend discussed what took place at the MCCPTA Delegate Assembly:
 - a. They are aiming to have Edible Gardening in all Montgomery County schools. 40 schools already have gardens. All of the food will go to the schools cafeterias.
 - b. Looking for volunteers to work in the gardens. This could be people in the community, friends and/or relatives.

4. Principal's Report - Mrs. Oglesby talked about day to day activity at school and her concerns :
 - a. Volunteers are needed for the Media Center. Miss Floyd is part time.
 - b. Emergency release info - A local contact person is needed.
 - c. Take time to listen to the recorded messages that comes from the school, the information is important.
 - d. Make sure kids know their plan for the end of each day.
 - e. Release of information – ***Bells Mill staff is not allowed to release the information until all release forms are collected.***
 - f. Walk to school day Wednesday October 3, 2012.

- g. There may be a need to add an additional teacher for each grade level as more new kids enroll. The class sizes are rather large. The Kindergarten classes are the smallest in number. The 2nd and 3rd grade classes are pretty close to the max. 4th and 5th grade classes are the largest. There is additional space for more classrooms.
- h. At the end of last year some parents were making pretty big demands on the placement of their children. The Bells Mills staff works very hard to make sure children are properly placed in specific classes. Please trust that the staff can handle this task.

Mrs. O introduced Mrs. Thomas as the Principal intern:

- 5. Mrs. Thomas talked about the School-Wide Data Presentation
 - a. Common core state standards
 - b. ALT-MSA Data
 - c. M-Class Results
 - d. Science Assessment 5th graders only

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Any questions can be aimed towards Mrs. Thomas or Mrs. O.