

Bells Mill PTA Meeting #2 November 5, 2014

Meeting Minutes

- **Welcome and President's Update - Stacy Kahn**
 - Year is going well
 - Please encourage families to donate
 - Please sign up for recess, lunch and soccer volunteer sessions
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Membership Update – 620 PTA members so far
 - \$25,000 taken in thus far (\$2500 short of donations compared to this time last year)
 - 45% of the school are members and have given donations
 - Budget Amendment Approved for total of \$1,000.00
 - Fund teacher training (request from Mrs. Ogelsby)
 - Funding for eBooks program
 - See budget report for additional details
- Ms. Laura Simon brought up concerns about plan to install WiFi at Bells Mill
 - WiFi will allow students to access Chrome E books and other internet educational programs
 - Ms. Simon concerned about potential risk to children with ongoing exposure to Wi Fi during the school day. She discussed the literature on risk and noted that the American Academy of Pediatrics has sent formal letter to the FCC with request to update their guidelines on pediatric exposure to Wi Fi
- **Report from MCCPTA Delegate's Assembly – Diana Gallagher (MCCPTA Delegate)**
 - Focus on recent election results
 - Nomination forms for Favorite Teachers at MCPS schools - monetary awards for outstanding teachers. Nominations due in January. Mrs. O to forward additional information on nomination requirements and process
- **Parent Resource Meeting**
 - Thursday November 20 – guest speaker will discuss strategies for homework completion
- **Enrichment Update – Kellie Zuba**
 - Encouraged parents to look online for upcoming Winter Enrichment activities
- **Community Building**
 - Recent restaurant nights at CPK, VGR and Baskin Robbins were very successful. Money earned during restaurant nights to be used for community building social event
 - Next Restaurant night will be at Tally Ho Restaurant on November 17
 - Innisbrook wrapping paper online sales end November 7
- **Communications Report – Greer Bautz**
 - Bear Posts sent out on Thursday mornings; please forward info for Bear Posts to Greer Bautz by Wednesday evening
- **Principal's Report – Mrs. Ogelsby**
 - First marking period just ended

- Please schedule conferences with teachers
- November 10 and 11 are early dismissal days
- K-1 Principal's tea went very well—have added staff participation
- Grades 2-3 Principal's tea will be on November 13 – 2nd grade and 3rd grade teams to participate
- Grade 4-5 Principal's tea will be on November 19 – 4th and 5th grade teams to participate
- **MCPS Reading and Math Benchmarks presented by Mrs. Hough and Mrs. Taylor**
 - Copies of handouts available at the office

Upcoming Events:

- November 10 and November 11 – Early Release Days for Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 11 – Dr. Starr to present State of Schools at Strathmore Music Center
- November 13 – Principal's Tea – Grades 2-3
- November 14 – Bingo Night at Bells Mill
- November 17 – Community Building night at Tally Ho Restaurant from 5-9 pm

****Next PTA Meeting: Tuesday December 2****