

PTA Meeting

Meeting called to order 6:35 pm pm.

President- Tina Ehtiati introduces current members of PTA Board.

VP1- Jennifer Nwadike

Treasurer- Shelly Hyland

Secretary- Stella Kostolampros

Delegates- Sybil Gohari and Edna Kweti.

Tina makes motion to fill following positions: VP2 Devin Donaldson and VP3 Delphin On. Shelly Hyland 2nds motion. Motion passed.

Secretary Position is open.

Tina Speaks about current membership status.

2017-2018 school year membership status was as follows: 167 Families and 26 staff.
2018- 2019 currect status is as follows: 214 members and 15 staff.

Donation status: 2016-2017 \$22,987; 2017-2018 \$20,531; and 2018-2019 \$15,255.
With this decrease she is concerned that some PTA sponsored activities will be cut.

Shelly Hyland, presents a pie chart to show were donation funds are allocated. 67% of the total PTA funds raised are spent in the school to support all students in acedemic experiences. 17% of the PTA of the remaining PTA funds are spent to sponsor various community activities.

In the 2016/2017 school year, the PTA allocated \$8K for an upgrade to the outdoor recess equipment.

In the 2017/2018 school year, the PTA allocated \$10K to the school for additional Chromebook Carts.

2018/2019 school year is planned for the 50th Anniversary for BMES. The instrumental teacher is planning on creating a Jazz Club & String Chamber Orchestra, as well as additional training and materias to support the gifted and talented program for the 4th and 5th graders.

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Members discuss possibilities for membership drive. There is discussion of a flyer being sent home focusing on how the donations support the school. There is also focus being discussed on communication and promoting the PTA (possibly using the MCPS portal) as well as other fundraising activities, ie. a read-a-thon and fundraising walk.

Volunteers needed for open positions:

Open committee chairs: Club Bells Mill, Bingo Night, Bells Mill Bash, volunteer - coordinator for lunch and recess, volunteers to shadow Mrs. Gasaway for Black History Month and for the Talent Show for next year.

Update from Delegates- Sybil Gohari and Edna Kweti - nothing to report

Shelly Hyland- Treasurer_ reviews current budget and talks about the possibility to push more restaurant nights.

Motion to end meeting at 7:15 pm made by Stella Kostolampros, second by Shelly Hyland. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm