

PTA General Meeting

September 3, 2015

Called to order at 6:36pm

May Minutes were read by Kelly Scholz, motion made to approve minutes by Kristina Strait and seconded by Rebecca DeGioia, all in favor.

Kristina introduced the Mission and Purpose of PTA and the poster which will be displayed at all meetings.

** Discussed what PTA does from the school (Kristina):

Fundraiser-Race for Education, the only fundraiser CES has each year and it raised \$16,000 for the school which was used for technology for the school, thru chrome books, ipads and the interactive pens on Promethean boards.

Organize Family Nights-free to CES families.

PTA Meetings-Board Meeting which are held during the day and General Meetings which are held at night. This year we are using our General Meetings as opportunities to hold family events such as a dessert bar and catered dinner for families.

Staff Appreciation-involves parent involvement for lunches or treats for teachers and staff.

5th grade Promotion

Help with School Directed Fundraisers such as Book Fair

Membership (family) to PTA went down this year as we are not using membership as a fundraiser for the school. Offered teachers free membership until 9/30, which also included a teacher grant and a \$50 book grant for class libraries.

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Next Thursday 9/10 at 6:30pm FCPS Board Meeting the discussion will be held regarding which elementary school in Frederick County will be built. The Sugarloaf Elementary is in jeopardy of not being built on time. The Board is looking to see which community brings the most people to determine which school to support, UES is asking us to rally with them at 6:15 to show a strong support from the Urbana area in support of Sugarloaf. Mrs. Hilliard has gone on record supporting option 3 as what the board should choose.

** Budget (Cathy):

Introduced the 2015-2016 budget in its new format, the approved MD PTA standard.

Discussed the \$31,000 in carryover, \$25,000 which was from previous years and how it will decrease through the years as we spend money for the school.

Motion to approve the proposed budget made by Kristina Strait and seconded by Mary Collins. All in favor, motion approved.

**** Communication (Mary):**

Sign up for FOF due to the school going green, less flyers going home. Like us on Facebook, follow on Twitter to get information. Also a monthly newsletter from PTA will go out through FOF.

Volunteering opportunities still available. Most positions are just looking for additional assistance, some can be done from home or are short term volunteer opportunities, just ask and we can find a good fit for you.

**** Principal's Report:**

Excited about Race for Education and appreciate the hard work and the benefit in technology for the school.

Attendance slide and slide show from Back to School Night on the website

Try to attend PTA Meeting and get involved with school.

Supports Option 3 regarding the "New Elementary School for the County"

Meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.