

Fort Washington Elementary School PTA Minutes

Wednesday February 11, 2015

President Pamela Olshefski opened the meeting.

School Board Report: *Mark Sirota spoke on behalf of the school board*

- The school board has chosen a new member, Rev. Robert Kim, a resident of Upper Dublin for 8 years with children currently at Sandy Run and Jarrettown. He previously was a member of the strategic planning committee.
- A tentative agreement has been made with the support staff.
- A preliminary budget has been passed. This includes a maximum tax increase of 3.09%.

Principal's Report: *The following are highlights from Mrs Hultquist.*

- Mrs Hultquist is back from her maternity leaves. She stressed her open door policy and asks anyone to bring any concerns or problems to her attention.
- Regarding art classes, they are still managing the students who are sitting out of art. Either a substitute, Mrs. Einhorn, Mrs. Webb or Mrs. Hultquist are supervising these children during this time. Walk throughs are still occurring and she is personally investigating any other occurrences.
- The RAPTOR program is being implemented again for school security. Please get a tag at the front office when you come in.
- PSSA dates have slightly changed. There will be 4 days of reading (Language Arts), 2 days of math and 2 days of science. They will start on 4/13 and end the week of 4/27.
- The state of Pennsylvania is now requiring that any volunteer coming into the school will need to have current clearances (FBI, child abuse and a criminal background check). Everyone who wishes to volunteer in the school will need to supply clearances by 7/1/15. There are forms online and at the front office. You must turn them into the district office. It is not clear exactly which volunteer situations will require these clearances, and the district needs to get more detail on this. It is known that school functions that occur after school hours and are not sponsored by the district do not fall into this category (ASA, bingo night, etc). A question was raised asking if the PTA could aid any parents who are unable to pay to get the clearances. Information will be coming in March to inform everyone.

PTA Liaison Report- *No one was present.*

Business Meeting

- **Minutes from January's meeting were approved.**

- The nominating committee has been selected and was voted on and approved. The 2015 nominating committee will consist of: Heather D'Angelo, Donna Murphy and Ginny Vitella.
- The 2015-2016 PTA board will be voted in at the April meeting, therefore, the nominating committee must present a slate of candidates at the March meeting. Everyone is welcome to be on the board and if interested should contact a member of the current board or a member of the nominating committee.
- The by-laws were approved at last month's meeting, but it was brought up that they can be amended at any time. One item that is being given thought to being updated in the by-laws is the amount of officers that sit on the PTA board. We can add more, to help lessen the load of each officer. It was asked that there be a brief description given on each position of the board.
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- Christina Sunday gave the **treasurer's report** and major items are as follows:
 - Income –Bingo Night \$5,474 (net income \$\$4,786), BFL 5k \$1,060, pretzel sales \$727, ASA \$12,695 (net income \$10,703)
 - Expenses- Bingo night \$687, Science Fair \$124, Reading Olympics \$195, ASA \$1,993

Committee Reports:

- **Cash Back-** From the Boot Dine and Earn on 2/16 and Fireside Dine and Earn 3/24 (half day) Please send your Giant card number to Jesse Conte at nittylion@yahoo.com. Please also register you Target Red Card. Please also continue to collect BoxTops, Tyson Labels and Labels for Education. These are easy ways to raise money for FWES!!
- **Trivia Night-** Friday March 6 at Trinity Church in Ambler. Registration to open soon....
- **Burning for Learning-** will be held on Sunday 4/26. Early bird registration is through 2/21 with a price of \$20 for 5k and \$10 for fun run. Mr Green's Fun and Games will be coordinating the kids fun run this year for free. Thanks Mr Green!
- **Assemblies-** There has been a request for a science or safety assembly.
- **Science Fair** will be held Wednesday March 4
- **Book Fair-** will be week of 3/24. Volunteers are needed. If interested, please contact Heather Rudalvage or Sandra Atherholt. More details will be coming soon.

Thank you-

- Jenny Anderson and Donna Murphy for Bingo Night

President Pamela Olshefski adjourned the meeting. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 11 in the library at 7:00 p.m. Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Penna on 1/21/15.