

PTA Board of Directors Meeting

October 6, 2016

Called to order at 9:17 a.m.

Allyson Fleugel made a motion to approve the June BOD meeting minutes posted on the PTA's website, seconded by Kristina Strait, all were in favor.

President's Welcome: Thanked those who helped with a staff appreciation event. Wants to start getting the teachers working on their wish lists as the money is ready and coming in to spend it on technology and other things the teachers need. Kristina and Lori Cobb will meet to discuss the process. Last year around \$9,000 was spent on Chrome books, \$13,000 on teacher's wish lists. Would like Mrs. Hilliard to get a technology list so we can get more technology into the classrooms soon.

Rebecca: Parents have asked me about why can't we buy more iPads for the classrooms, and the FCPS policy is that we are not permitted to buy Apple products as they are not able to be serviced by FCPS.

Treasurer Report: Cathy went through the financial statement and will send a copy to Sep to be put on the PTA website. Question raised about Spirit Wear refund? The refund comes back after the books were closed. Also, this is not a program we use to make a lot of money, so prices are at base minimum and not inflated. Went through the categories ending with cash on hand as \$47,136.89.

Committee Reports:

Race for Education: Nazarene Dickens \$22,000 has come in so far. October 20th is the Race Day and she will be posting a sign up genius for volunteers to help that day. Prizes will be sent home with kids today, gift cards for those who won the raffle, and notes from donors who have contributed will be sent home with kids. Wegmans has donated a \$250 gift card that is much appreciated and will be used for PTA events. Will give credit to Wegman's for their business partnership on Facebook and the website.

Movie Night: tomorrow (Friday, October 7th: Zootopia) and will have the doors closed while Eddie sets up. Snacks will be supplied.

Centerville PTA County Representative: Hwaida Hassanein discussed PTA Council of Frederick County General Membership Meeting from September 26th, 2016. Had copies of guides for the PTA President and Principal. Discussed the opportunity for CES to receive grant money up to \$500 (under the Debbie Bostian Family) and would like suggestions on how what we can do to further the communication between home and school. Grant admission is due by December 1st. Hwaida suggested she would get a committee to draw up some ideas, Kristina said we can discuss them at the November Board Meeting.

Brought up the idea of seeking local businesses to pay \$25 to become members of our PTA. Urbana Elementary does this and put advertisements in their directory. It was suggested that CES and Urbana could work together on this to gather businesses' support and split the total. Kelly suggested this gives them voting

rights and Kristina said that we are not as concerned as much with membership numbers, although would like more, than with the need for more involvement from CES families. Directory already done, so this business idea can be discussed for next year.

Also discussed a way to reach people through "Constant Contact" with mass emails. Allyson Fleugel will send Hwaida list of email addresses.

Hwaida said that a lockdown at Waverly occurred and parents were not sent a Find out First for 15 minutes. Neeley discussed protocol and that FOF go through their director before being sent out. A shelter in place sign is put on door, in a lockdown no sign is put on the door and nobody is allowed to exit or enter. Susan Welch said parents need to know they are doing what is best for their children and they should not come to the building during emergencies or practicing drills.

Finally, if there are concerns parents have with the school that she can take it to these meetings and to contact her.

Book Fair: Amy Pontius working on it but not able to be at meeting. Just reminded everyone it is the last week of November and first week of December.

Reflections: Amy Howardstein discussed Reflections (she and Heather Estridge chairing it) are working on how to promote the program. November 30th is the school deadline and December 16th the county deadline for submissions. Neeley said that signs can be posted at the school. Anna worked on Reflections and will give advice.

Administrator Neeley Miller: Thanked PTA for work on Race Day. Said that the PE teachers were working with the kids for something new to do that day. Parent-teacher conferences will hopefully be done on sign up genius and will come out in the next couple weeks. A note from Mrs. Hilliard will come out about the school parties to make them simpler especially regarding food. Students can dress for book character, villains included, but no weapons or masks. Friday is crazy sock or hair day.

New Business: Rebecca DeGioia discussed after school programs with chess starting soon and in the winter the opportunity to work with a company called C3 Cyber Club for stem programs. Two offerings will be given: one for K-2 and another for 3-5 dealing with Legos and Minecraft. If others have ideas of programs Rebecca said they could contact her.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.