

**PTA Meeting Minutes**  
**January 8, 2013**  
**7pm**

Attendance-see sign in sheet

Commissioner report - Jerry

- Next Thursday – Operating budget hearing. Donna will provide more details.
- Happy New Year. Thanks for McDonald's gift card
- State of town meeting on Monday-recognize success of summer carnival
  - Largest farmers market, happy vendors, PTA did well
  - Town wants it to happen
- See you on the 17<sup>th</sup> (Jerry's shortest speech ever ☺)

President's report - Kevin

- Thank you cards from teachers for gift cards
- Email has content of his comments – see video
- Verizon stopped their FIOS promotion

VP report – Fundraising - Rachel & Marilyn

- Boosterthon - pep rally is January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Event is February 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Will be in school on 23<sup>rd</sup> through 1<sup>st</sup>
- Wendy G. will start decorating on Wednesday. Flyer went home last week. Looking for parent volunteers day of event on 2/1
  - Fun Run is at 1:30 on 2/1
- Spirit wear Flyer-
  - Auction for spring. Art auction is a piece of overall auction
  - Recruiting now for summer carnival committee
  - Need officers for next year

VP Report - Sandy

- After school activities began this week.
- Waiting list for hip hop. Good attendance
- Lego robotics - never heard back, never got an instructor
  - Maybe spring?
- Other ideas for after school programs??

Poolesville Pride report - Doug (Lynne not here)

- Poolesville Pride meeting on Thursday 1/10/13
- BMX assembly on 12/18 and 12/19 – big success with the students again this year
  - Poolesville Pride & PTA sponsored

Treasurer report - Judy

- See budget/actual handout and see her with any questions.

Cluster coordinator report - Donna

- 1/17 - Testifying -- Jerry & Dawn (Albert) testifying. Donna will attend. Operations budget includes: teacher salary, books, libraries, etc.

- Funding for Wi-Fi--status
- Dawn sent out email requesting operations ideas for funds.
  - Specifics what we want within operations budget
- Tech funds - Doug has tried to contact Director of Technology with MCPS. Can't get board to release the priority list of who gets the funds. Current initiative - Promethean boards in every classroom plus Wi-Fi
- 15 elementary schools don't have Assistant Principal (out of 120)
  - We're at 400 kids so probably won't get one anytime soon
- Ike Leggett - has operations budget forum (whole county). Open mike format.
  - January 10<sup>th</sup> in Silver Spring
  - January 24<sup>th</sup> at Black Rock in Georgetown
  - He thinks MCPS is overfunded
- If you attend and speak, preface your questions with some background

#### Community project report - Ross

- 2 days of service at PES. Moving forward
- Kickoff meeting - 2/5. Flyers available (distributed at meeting). Describes meeting and project
  - Landscaping, painting, outdoor classrooms, cork boards, etc.
- Will be May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>
- Respond back to Ross – sign-up sheet went around room
- Fundraiser dinner at 5:30 on 2/5 - before the PTA meeting
  - Outline what we'll do.
  - Dinner 5:30-6:15; Meeting 6:15-7; PTA meeting at 7

#### Teacher report - Kelly

- Nothing new from teachers. See previous lists and discussions.

#### Parent Night Out - Global

- Had 15 kids. Low turnout – probably due to holiday travel, short notice.
- Donated \$150 to PTA

#### Principal report - Doug

- Hired building services-Cheryl Claggett. Outstanding; great addition.
- Monday 1/4 - 7pm in APR - instrumental music performance
- Thanks for McDonald's gift cards

#### Safety and security presentation

- watched presentation on MCPS website-safe schools
- <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/security/resources-videos.aspx>

#### Post-video discussion

- Lockdowns-shelters-practiced during year
  - OSET-Pamnani, Harney, Weedon, Robbins, Johnston, Weisburg, Evans, Creedon
- Shelter-locking perimeter of building

- Parent child re-unification - traffic - main door - door to stage area in APR: go in that door, show ID, write 2 cards with student name, runner grabs student & brings to parent in APR. Parent takes card & sits down. Match cards and dismissed
- Enhancements year-to-date
  - All doors locked during day. Recess door-unlock and lock each recess
  - Front door locked at 4:30. ICB events-building services will unlock appropriate doors
    - Most common – Gym – outside door will be unlocked during usage but doors to class hallways will be locked
  - Monday 1/14/13 - all AM lineups will now be inside. 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade lineup outside classroom doors. Kindergarten stays in their playground outside.
  - Outside door at 3<sup>rd</sup> grade hallway will remain locked
- Visitors management system is up and running
- Visitor badge to wear at all times
- Remember to sign out so no longer need to be accounted for
- Global - go to side door and knock - looking at a door bell to put in. Need to fix side lights on that side of building (work order has been submitted)
- ½ days- still lock front door at 4:30
- Buzzer system will be installed by next school year, hopefully earlier
- After school programs-will meet in front lobby & kids will be brought there.