Waterloo Elementary School PTA

General Meeting

April 24, 2017

Waterloo ES Library

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Quorum Established (10 Board 5 Members)
3. February 27, 2017 minutes approved

Nominating committee for Vice President formed-Rachel Shapiro as Chairperson, Lisa Loveland, Kathy Shanley, Shannon Swenson, and Kyra Hall nominated Deepshikha Antes for Vice President. Vote was taken and Ms. Deepshikha Antes was voted in unanimously as new Vice President for next term. Terms reinstated were Erin Weidemann for President, Shannon Swenson for Treasurer, Lisa Loveland for Recording Secretary, Kathy Shanly for Corresponding Secretary, Patricia King and Rob Burks for PTA Delagate.

1. Report of Officers
2. Treasurer’s Report –Paint night, Carnival, Spirit week and plant sale are all upcoming in the next few weeks. Carnival team has requested a cash box for the day of carnival. Mr. Burks has stated he has one he can lend.
3. President’s Report – Summer meeting dates were discussed. July 19th and August 16th dates were set. Kindergarten play date has been set for August 9th from 10-11 am. PTA will be selling Kindergarten T-shirts at the play date. Teacher appreciation week is next week. Setting up different things for each day. Monday-Mr. Martin will bring a trolley of treats, Tuesday-buckets with teachers names will be passed out, Wednesday-Breakfast for teachers, Thursday-Lunch for teachers, and Friday-Kids are encouraged to bring in notes and small treats for teachers.
4. Delegate’s Report –Cindy Vallaincourt was at meeting to discuss ongoing issues with Superintendent Foose. School #42 will be opening with 788 seats already filled. Citizen council advisors being formed. April 28th is deadline to apply. Hearing on new legislation is set for the APFO Operating budget review committee will be reviewing Superintendent’s proposed operating budget. Homewood school is looking for assistance in fundraising as they have no formal PTA.
5. Principal’s Report-Rube Goldberg competition is coming up. There is a scheduling conflict with the strings/band concert and looking into ways to rectify it. Honor roll pins for 3rd quarter were passed out. 154 pins (49% of grades 3-5) with 30 receiving principal’s honor roll. Fifth grade will have a DJ dance party on ½ day after moving up ceremony. PARCC testing to begin this week. Incentives being offered to develop learning behaviors. Students can earn a ball for achieving goals for a dunking booth after PARCC is over. Staffing numbers have been set. Losing two positions in grades 3-5. GT returned to 2.0 for next year. Related arts dropped from 1.6-1.4. Will have 4 kindergarten teachers next year. Mr. Martin is advocating for one intermediate teacher for LA for 3rd and 4th grade.

1st-20:1 with 4 classes

2nd-20.8:1 with 5 classes

3rd 25 2/3:1 with 3 classes

4th 29:1 with 4 classes

5th 23:1 with 4 classes

1. Report of Committees –
2. Community Engagement (Deep) –Yearbook draft was received and is being reviewed. Total of 266 have been sold. We are reopening sales to try and boost numbers.
3. Family Involvement (Adina) – Need more volunteers for carnival.
4. Special Events and Programs (Kari) –Play went of very well. Girls will be doing a number at the carnival. Chess is getting ready to end. Big tournament to be held May 6th at Waterloo. Looking to cement Waterloo being Howard County’s location for future tournaments. Potential for bake sale to bring in funds for PTA at future tournaments. Meeting scheduled with Dan Shippee the new director of Silver Knights Chess for our area.
5. Ways and Means (Kyra) –Made $157 from Greene Turtle. Paint night coming up soon. Oriole’s tickets are still for sale, having only sold 90 at this time. Three people joined PTA in the last month. Closing membership the end of April. SCH is coming up in May, will be using catering and flowers will be done by a 4th grade parent.
6. New Business –June 5th meeting to be held outside of Waterloo. Will come back with ideas.
7. Announcements & Upcoming Events
* Saturday, April 29th-Carnival 11am-3pm
* May 1st-5th-Teacher appreciation week
* Saturday, May 6th-Orioles game 7:05pm
* Thursday May 11th-Paint Night 6:30pm
* Monday, May 22nd-PTA Board Meeting 7-8:30pm
1. Adjournment