Waterloo Elementary School PTA

Board Meeting

March 26, 2018

Waterloo ES Media Center

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Quorum Established (10 Board 5 members)
3. February 26, 2018 minutes approved
4. Report of Officers
5. Treasurer’s Report –Added Blue Ribbon activities line item to budget. Sent out reminders for outstanding balances and checks. Several motions were brought to the board for the budget, motion to expand budget for teachers, motion to increase budget for box tops by $20 and motion to increase budget for Orioles game $250. All motions passed.
6. President’s Report –Second grade had sent a request for indoor activities. Games and indoor blocks were purchased and donated. They sent a thank you note and pictures that will be included in the PTA binder. Deepshikha attended county meeting in place of Erin. A range of topics were discussed. Security issues were brought up including installing buzzers and locking doors in all schools, teaming up with mental health and changing modified lockdown procedures for things like medicine spills. Budget cuts had to be made since the county is in high debt. As a result class size will be raised by one student (except Kindergarten), reducing staff by 93.9. The board of Ed is urging families to write the county executive on behalf of keeping class sizes the same.
7. Delegate’s Report –Patricia King went and stated many of the same topics mentioned in the President’s Report were also gone over.
8. Principal’s Report-Electronic sign options were brought out to discuss. Narrowed it down to 2 and will decide by vote. May 2nd will be the Blue Ribbon Ceremony from 9:30-11 AM. PTA board is welcome to attend. School has purchased three fox and one owl moving shapes to place in fields. These are designed to help mitigate the goose problem. Howard County Police have begun patrols through the schools. Designed to get to know the layout of schools and familiarize children with their presence. Our suspension data still shows a disparity for special ed children. Five elementary schools are disproportional for special ed. Ours is the result of the regional ed program present within the school. Staffing changes are coming. With the addition of one student per classroom, the district is expected to save $5.4 million next year. Waterloo will gain one para for ALS and Pre-K, lose 1 MINC-EL, lose .5 GT and will lose one teacher from both Primary and Intermediate grades. Ratios for classes next year will be K 22:1, Primary 21:1 (will not add another teacher until 26:1 is hit) and Intermediate 27:1 (32:1 is the threshold to add another teacher). Projections for Waterloo next year: K-5 teachers, 1st-25:1, 2nd-20.5:1, 3rd-29.3:1, 4th-29.7:1 and 5th-29.75:1.

1. Report of Committees –
2. Community Engagement (Amy Baker) –Have sold 170 yearbooks so far.
3. Family Involvement (Monique McDowell-Russell) – No Report
4. Special Events and Programs (Michele Kennedy) –Spring play was cancelled due to lack of involvement. Chess tournament will be held April 14th. Looking to do a bake sale as a fundraiser. Staff appreciation week is held May 7th-11th and Julie Dunaway will be heading.
5. Ways and Means (Kyra)-Noodles and Co brought in $132. Chicago Uno’s is upcoming. Fundraiser for Monster Mini Golf will be held April 2nd-4th with 20% going to PTA.
6. New Business-May Meeting will be moved to May 29, 2018. Slate of nominees for 2018-2019 school year announced and are as follows:

President - Shannon Swenson
Treasurer -  Kelly Jensen
Recording Secretary - Michele Kennedy
Correspondence Secretary - Natalia Gorej
PTA Delegates - Erin Weidemann and Kim Burks

1. Announcements & Upcoming Events
* Wednesday, March 28th-Restaurant Night at Uno’s 11am-11pm
* Saturday, April 28th-Carnival 3-7pm
* Monday, April 30th-PTA Meeting and Elections 7pm
* Monday, April 30th-Coal Fire Restaurant Night
* Saturday May 12th-Waterloo Day at the Yard

Adjournment