Waterloo Elementary School PTA

Board of Directors Meeting

February 22, 2015

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1. Welcome and Call to Order – Introduction of Board Members
2. Quorum Established (7 Board, 15 General)
3. November 30, 2015 minutes approved
4. Report of Officers
5. Treasurer’s Report – Budget attached. Bullets – Fall Paint Night fundraiser did great, took in $950 and spent $301. Six cameras have been purchased and given to each pod.
6. President’s Report – Submitted by-laws, need to be revised using the July 2015 forms. Volunteers are needed for nominating committee for board members for 2016/2017 school year - Patricia King, Erin Weidemann, Kathy Shanley, Deep Antes and Ms. Shapiro volunteered. Motion to approve nominating committee passes and all volunteers were approved. Need position write up for each board member position. Vice President, Mrs. Maureen Evans-Arthur, has resigned. The motion to accept resignation was passed. Motion to accept nomination of Kari Reitz to VP passed. Working on a date for Spring Paint Night.
7. Delegate’s Report – Feb 1st meeting. Minutes attached. Myth – if the state of MD has a state of emergency, then snow days are waived. April – final approval for calendar 2016-2017.
8. Principal’s Report – International night was great! Getting help this week on new sound system to use music portion of system. Thank you PTA for conference dinners! Cultural arts - Prismatic Magic will be here Thursday. Progress reports now March 11th due to weather. Honor roll pins have been given out. Number talks – multi grade level teams working out well – having to slow down due to snow, will pick back up. Motivational posters will be replaced soon. Leadership meeting – asked the staff to help with the yearbook, can use the new cameras that have been purchased by the PTA. Testing – PARCC April 22-May 17. One grade each day. Met with team leaders to start working together for smooth testing transitions and working to get kids prepared. Cogat results 5th grade Feb 29th, 3rd grade one to two weeks later. Staffing starts now for next year. We will strive for lower class sizes, more paras. Once county placements have been determined, Mr. Martin will share with his staff, and then with the PTA. Budget – will be asking for more state funds, grants, etc. Niche.com – Waterloo rated No. 20 best public school in MD. Maryland was No 1 state, Howard County was rated No. 1.
9. Report of Committees –
10. Community Engagement – PTA membership around 280 members. Helping Hands – helped a family with a household emergency. Website – need more help for graphics and to keep things up to date. Yearbook – Ms. Stengel – teacher contact, Ms. Chupetta also helping. Sale website is up - $19 by 3/31, then $25. Each grade has cameras and will start using to get candid shots of kids. Working through new software glitches. April 15th is last day for changes before printing. March 7th are group picture days.
11. Family Involvement – Carnival – April 30th – put deposit down early to get $500 of free games! Need more volunteers for subcommittees. Subzero – possibly a new addition. Screen free week – needs a new co-chair – 4/30-5/6 with the picnic on 5/6.
12. Special Events and Programs- Restaurant night at McDonald’s in October raised $600, should be in this week. Tino’s in January did not happen, but is rescheduled for March 8th with a percentage of all proceeds from the entire day going to Waterloo. Potbelly’s tomorrow night (2/23), with a percentage of all proceeds going to Waterloo. Black history month assembly on 2/25, PrismaticMagic.com. Bulbs and shrubs bought for Waterloo sign. Spirit wear will be sold again in time for Field Day. School House Theater – ANNIE! $160 per child, 2 shows at the end of May, grades 2-5 may participate, parents provide costumes. Chess club will be coming back, details to come! Staff appreciation week - staff gift purchased. Think of more ideas.
13. Ways and Means – Silent Auction – over $2000 raised!! Huge thanks to Ms. Shapiro, Ms. Stewart, and interns for help. May 14th will be this year’s Orioles game. Working on another fundraiser for the spring, stay tuned. Box tops – next week is last time for bonus deadline. Labels in Education is ending.
14. New Business – Dr. Foose will be at next week’s meeting for a Q&A.
    * Announcements & Upcoming Events Tuesday, February 23 - Restaurant Night at Potbelly's (4-8 PM)
    * Monday, February 29 - PTA General Meeting with Dr. Foose (7-8:30 PM)
    * Tuesday, March 8 - Restaurant Night at Tino's (all day)
    * Monday, March 21 - PTA Board Meeting (7-8:30 PM)
    * Monday, April 18 - PTA General Meeting & Elections (7-8:30 PM)
    * Saturday, April 30 - Carnival (11 AM - 3 PM)
15. Adjournment