

**Bollman Bridge Elementary School
PTA Meeting
Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2010**

Present were: Jonathon Davis (Principal), Trish McCarthy (Vice Principal) Tina Ferguson (PTA President), Guy Guzzone (MD Delegate), Michelle Poindexter, Letha Jackson, Raquel Braithwaite (PTA Delegate), Nichole Verdejo (PTA VP)

Introductions

Tina Ferguson opened the PTA membership meeting at 6:08 pm. The agenda and sign in sheet were distributed.

President's Update

Tina Ferguson welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the PTA meeting.

Treasurer/Budget Update

The PTA made \$3,461.21 from the Auction and we only spent \$480. The PTA made quite a profit this year. Additional checks are still being cashed. Thanks again to the efforts of all that made this event a success!

PVMS Yard Sale and BBES Booksale

Tina updated the group about the upcoming PVMS yard sale and BBES Book Sale. PVMS will be having a yard sale in the parking lot of BBES and PVMS on May 15, 2010 from 8am to 1pm. Tables may be purchased for \$20 if anyone is interested in selling their used items. There will also be a car wash and a used book sale (sponsored by BBES) going on at the same time. Food will be available for sale and conveniently, an area thrift store will be available afterwards to pick up items that weren't purchased. If people aren't interested in selling items, donations are more than welcome. Money earned from the yard sale will be going to the PVMS PTA and money earned from the book sale will be for the upcoming school year's PTA budget. Flyers and notices to purchase a table for sales have been sent out via the kid's Friday Folders. If anyone needs another registration form, please contact Tina Ferguson.

Please send book donations to school with your children. There are collection bins in each pod. Paperback books will be sold for \$.50 and hardback books for \$1.00. PVMS is also graciously collecting books for us to sell.

The neighborhood "Sno-cone Shack" is requesting to be a vendor at the yard sale. Tina will forward the vendor to the PVMS PTA for consideration as it is primarily their event.

***Both events will need volunteers. If you or your child (or a neighbor's child ☺) is interested in volunteering, please contact Tina Ferguson.

Delegate Report – No report this month.

Committee Reports

Play report - Fiddler on the Roof, Jr. - Showtimes, May 20, 2010 @ 7:30 pm and May 21, 2010 @ 7:00pm.

There will be "I Love Theater" t-shirts and merchandise sold at the play to commemorate the experience. Each child will have an "Oscar" trophy created with their names inscribed for optional purchase. The company will also sell candy and drinks. Sales will ONLY take place before and after the show to decrease interruptions throughout the play. (Signs will be made to explain no sales during the play and no purchased food/drink into the cafeteria during the play.) 20% of sale proceeds will be given to the PTA. There was an idea that the play be taped and CD's of the show made available for purchase. Tina will look into that possibility.

"Papparazzi" will be outside of the stage to shower the actors with attention after they finish the play. They will also walk the "Red Carpet" as the join the cast party.

Miscellaneous Discussion:

PTA Board Membership 2011 - Tina is currently recruiting new board members so that selections can be made and the incoming board members can be mentored prior to starting the next school year. If anyone is unable to continue their board membership next school year, please notify Tina ASAP. Likewise, if anyone is interested in the PTA board, please notify Tina. Tina is considering creating and posting a position description for each role/vacancy to help people when deciding to become a board member. A notice about the vacancies will be sent to all the parents in the school.

Mr. Davis would like to have the PTA and Teachers work together to consolidate some of the school events in the coming years. This will help with increasing teacher and PTA support at all of our events. The school and PTA will compare calendars and survey groups to determine what the most important events are and will meet next month to begin consolidating some of the programs.

Volunteer Ball

The Volunteer/Appreciation Ball plans are confirmed. It will be May 29, 2010 at the Carroll Baldwin Hall from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. 'Blue Crab Catering' will be providing a 7 course meal. 'Oh What a Cake' will donate dessert and a DJ will be donating their service. She's contracted Great Kids Village (formerly Playwise Kids) to keep all of the attendee's children for only \$5/per child for the whole 2 ½ hours of the ball. Parents can drop off children at 4:30 pm and pick them up at 8:25 pm. This earlier drop off time allows parents time to take them there and then get dressed for the Ball. **WE MUST RSVP** to avoid paying full price and tax. The date to RSVP is May 20, 2010 (for Great Kids Village **and** for the Volunteer Ball). The kids will have dinner offered for just \$2.50 each. This will include a hot dog, chips and a drink. She's also getting additional volunteer babysitters to assist the staff of Great Kids Village so that all of the children are well attended to. If you have any babysitters who might be interested in volunteering, please notify Tina.

The dress code is 'Nice and Casual - Dress up as much or as little as you like'. There will be a \$10/pp cost for the night to help offset the 7 part meal. Invitations to the Ball will be emailed to current PTA volunteers and are also available from Tina. (This function is completely separate from the Volunteers Tea sponsored by the school.)

A professional make-up artist is available for \$15. Contact Tina at tina_ferguson@live.com .

Principal's Report

Mr. Davis and Ms. McCarthy discussed the following:

May 5, 2010 - Report Cards are issued
May 15, 2010 - Yard Sale/Book Sale - PVMS and BBES
May 20-21, 2010 - Fiddler on the Roof, Jr. - School Play performances
May 26, 2010 - PTA meeting and Strings Concert following
May 27, 2010 - Science Fair/Enrichment Fair

May 29, 2010 - PTA Volunteer Ball
June 3, 2010 - Band concert
June 9, 2010 - BBES Volunteer Tea - invitations are forthcoming
June 18, 2010 - Bowie Baysox Baseball Night
June 22, 2010 - 5th grade promotion ceremony
June 23, 2010 - Last day of school

***The End of year picnic date is still pending.

Mr. Davis also commented that the kids and teachers did a wonderful job with the recent standardized tests. The 5th graders are finalizing the MSA Science test. MSA results will be sent to parents during the late summer. He applauds everyone's efforts.

Reading/Math Night and the Wellness Fair were well attended and successful. Members from Grace Community Church completed their community outreach to the school which included planting new plants and putting down new mulch around the school grounds. Then 15 people from the church helped out with mentoring some of the Burmese children. The Green Team weighed lunch and trash at school. Results will be announced at the next meeting.

Tina surprised Mr. Davis with a new BBES school excellence banner that was created by a generous donation from "Signs by Tomorrow" in Columbia. Mr. Davis was very grateful. The PTA again applauded Mr. Davis for receiving the Distinguished Educational Leadership Award. There is greatness in our midst! BBES is very lucky to have Mr. Davis as our principal and leader!

Surprise Guest Visitor - Guy Guzzone, MD Delegate, arrived to attend our meeting and answer questions from the PTA.

He had no additional updates regarding the crosswalk issue in the Wild Grass and Spring Water Path neighborhood. He has spoken to Councilwoman Terrassa and is confident that she's working on the issue. Mr. Guzzone mentioned that the budget did pass and that the funding for education is the only area that received an increase. EVERY other area of the budget was cut. He said, "This is the first time in 50 years that the overall budget is less than the budget from last year."

Mr. Guzzone discussed the Rock Bottom sewage project and stated that though it is quite disruptive right now, it will be a necessary addition to the county's sewage system as Howard County continues to grow. Reforestation will be done once the project is complete. He's been assured too that the debris is not a toxic pollutant to the local stream.

The Huntington Deli has dropped its plea for a liquor license. The community is very happy.

**Lastly, Tina mentioned that sadly she'll be looking for a new President for next year due to personal concerns. If no one steps forward, the current Vice President will act as the President and Tina may be able to resume her duties later in the school year but with much more help from the PTA as a whole.

The April PTA meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Submitted respectfully,

Michelle Poindexter
Recording Secretary
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