

BARNESLEY PTA BOARD MEETING
October 3, 2017
7:00 - 8:00
NOTES

Officer/Committee Reports:

- President - Alison Russ
 - Welcome
 - Purpose of Meeting
 - joining the PTA
 - programs
 - getting to know families
 - building rapport and suggest change in schools
- Vice President - Lisa Shine
 - spirit wear - working with new vendor for gender neutral options
- Treasurer Report - Mike Fleet
 - Budget Report
 - very successful memberships at Back to School Night and through push
 - question regarding income/expenditure
 - discussion regarding not carrying large surplus
 - was an abnormal surplus one year reflecting great fundraising efforts and not a lot of expenditure
 - having not a lot of reserve is general practice for PTAs
 - balance will be built back through fundraising efforts
 - fees paid for special events
 - one amendment on page 2 under cultural arts
 - we can afford three programs
 - need to increase cultural arts budget line to \$2,067
 - amendment to change budget from \$2000 to \$2067
- Principal Updates - Mr. Winter
 - construction on home school is going according to schedule
 - MCPS schedule for next year is very tight
 - election day next year
 - holidays on Mondays



- parents can share their thoughts on proposed calendar options
 - grading/reporting night - next Thursday, October 12th at 7pm
 - interims go home next Tuesday
 - upper grades will send out for everybody
 - primary depends on team
 - K will send home for all students
 - Visitation Day/Columbus Day - running a little differently
 - K-3, 9:30-11
 - 15 minute break
 - 4-5, 11:15-12:45
 - need to make sure that 4-5th grade parents don't come early
 - parents still need to sign-in
 - can always contact your child's teacher to set up alternate date if Monday 9th doesn't work
- Programs Updates - Ali Breen/Alison Russ
 - Chess is completely filled and still receiving interest for registration
 - Young Rembrandts is filled; Young Rembrandts will be coming back for a Winter and Spring session
 - still looking for young scientists for Big Learning
 - Big Learning will start next week
 - county run program which offers assistance to any families that need
 - Anna Pfaff will reach out to them and check on start date
- Ways & Means Updates - Fania Yangarber
 - Back to School Picnic- this Thursday at 5:30
 - Chix and Sticks
 - Tasty Grill
 - Fred Ice Cream Truck
 - Restaurant Night updates
- Communications Secretary - Marlie Brill
 - no update
- Recording Secretary - Aruna Prasad
 - no update
- Membership Updates- Margaret Davis
 - basket will be raffled for teachers who sign up for PTA membership
 - Buy Nothing campaign is important

- each membership is vote on PTA Board, family membership is two votes
- will email families that may wish to renew from last year
- Directory Updates -- Emma Hintz
 - Chromebooks at back of room for people to sign up
- MCCPTA Rep - Julia Singleton/Sunil Dasgupta
 - 20 committees including on school safety, nutrition, cultural arts
 - status of blue book - PTA officers at different schools
 - next week the president is sending out a resolution supporting dreamers
 - vote taken
- Cluster Coordinator - Sunil Dasgupta- Alison will update for Sunil
 - New **Rockville Schools Listserv**: To join, email rockvilleschools-subscribe@yahoogleroups.com. Yahoo will ask you to verify your email address. Once you do that, it will send an approval email. Once approved you are all set. Post to rockvilleschools@yahoogleroups.com. The list is restricted but not moderated. Please forward to interested families.
 - Over the summer, **MCPS changed its cell phone policy** and is now allowing even elementary school kids to carry cell phones to schools. It is not clear what limits there are on the actual use of phones in the school, which I suspect will be limited. But there are already stories of a) a smartphone in middle school catching fire; b) no firewall when phones are used on buses causing exposure to inappropriate material. Potentially, there are a number of hazards including increase cyber-bullying, learning distractions. If you are concerned about this, ask the school and email Lisa Cline at safetech@mccpta.org (Lisa co-chairs the Safe Technology Subcommittee of the Montgomery County Councils of PTAs).
 - students can have cell phones, but cannot be carried in school
 - cell phone watches cannot be worn due to disruption
 - school not responsible if lost or stolen
- MCCPTA Special Education - Sarah Schmelling/Liza Wentworth
 - new position
- Upcoming Events:
 - Buffy/Kristina H. Spooktacular October 28 @ 6:00pm
 - 2 hours instead of 3 hours
 - same DJ as last year, same caterer
 - still need volunteers to face paint, tell stories, help with food
 - adult costume contest

- \$5/students, kids under 5 are free
- Potomac Pizza did provide donation back to school last year, and will do again
- Kami/Sumi/Pabloa - International Night - Date has been changed
 - now February 24th
- Julia - BINGO Night
- Beatriz - Latino family liaison
- Box Tops Update
 - need plastic bin decorated for box tops
- End of Meeting -- snacks, visit tables

FOLLOW-UP

- Mr. Winter said that he will check about uploading construction plans
- Mr. Winter will check with School Board regarding sign outside of school