

PTA Meeting Minutes December 12, 2017

Attendance:

Madeline Diep	Kelly Housein	Kathy Alfonso
Stefanie Rosti	Karen Stoner	Kristen Mankulich
Kevin Cropper	Ricardo Morales	Shelley Mansolillo
Julia Zick	Anna Fulbright	Sheila Rowe
Khalilah Hall	Nicole Alston	Amy Gigler

Leonie van Hemert

7:03 pm- Welcome -President- Karen Stoner

- Update on Boosterthon – Overall feedback was positive! It was teacher intensive because there were coordinating projects, such as creating team names, flags and reviewing of the character traits of bravery. Ms. van Hemert and Miss Gigler both said they enjoyed having the opportunity to boost team spirit and the kid really enjoyed the incentives to participate.
 - Amount Raised –\$12,911
 - 98% of funds collected- \$542.50 left uncollected
 - All 50 State Challenge- SUCCESS!!! The top 2 students with the most pledges get to pie an AES staff member or Dr. Holden or Ms. Secula in the face on Friday, December 22.
 - Kindergarten – Bryce Mueller (Butler) and Enzo Romero (Fryer)
 - 1st- Jake Sherrouse (VanHemert) and Gavin Tipton (Shaw)
 - 2nd- Lucy Luman (Tourison) and a tie Avery Brooks-Hammond (Gigler) and Nyoka Redmond-Aldridge (Grabow)
 - 3rd- Matthew Goldsmith (Danielson) and Christopher Lawser (Pauley)
 - 4th- Caleb Griffy (Hoffman) and Taylor Kirsh (Hoffman)
 - 5th- Owen Masters (Dawson) and Caroline Pippin (Dawson)
- Ricardo voiced a concern as to why a pie in the face of the teachers was used as an incentive.
- So, we did not earn enough for the computer cart, even though we raised a great deal of money. Dr. Holden will need to decide how to spend this money. It is a topic we will probably revisit at January's PTA meeting.
- HCPSS hasn't ruled yet on whether or not they will ban Boosterthon and other similarly formatted fundraisers. The concern is
- that it is not educational and takes place during the school day.
- The question was raised about doing Boosterthon again. Do we need the folks to come to our school in order for this to be a successful fundraiser? Karen outlined three options:
 - Full Service (what we had this year) where Boosterthon coordinates and runs all aspects.
 - Boosterthon sends the school all of the material and the school handles everything up until race day when they send people out to run the event.
 - All materials are sent to the school and they handle all aspects of the fundraiser.

Administration Report – Dr. Holden and Ms. Secula (not present)

- Members of the Central Office would like to attend one of our meetings.
- COGAT testing has taken place in grades 3 and 5. Make ups will be done on 12/15.
- All students in grades K-2 and those reading below grade level in 3-5 will be assessed between December 11 and January 16. This is to identify those who need intervention and also to help with benchmarking for instruction.
- A chess tournament will take place at AES on December 13. The band will be conducting a fundraiser during that event.
- Chorus Concert is 12/13.
- Interims go home 12/20.
- Orchestra concert will be 1/17 and Band concert will be 1/18.
- Winter break is December 25 through January 1.
- Inclement weather days will be made up in this order: 2/19 Presidents Day, 4/4-4/6 Spring Break, then 6/15-6-18.

PTACHC Report- Kathy Alfonso (see additional document)

- The main topics covered at the PTACHC meeting were:
 - The discussion over altering school start times next year
 - Updates to the policy regarding sexual discrimination
 - Upcoming Board of Education meeting about selection of instructional material and the 2018-2019 academic calendar
 - Howard County Legislative Delegates presentation

AES Awareness Initiative--to provide resources to families and teachers for encourage understanding of differences in peers.

Financial Report – Kevin Cropper (see additional document)

- Kevin reviewed the month's financial report
- He also needs a third person from PTA to check over his monthly reports and sign off on them. Please contact Kevin if interested.
- Amazon Smile--do we want to set up an official account so shoppers can donate to AES. Need to check with Dr. Holden.

Committee Updates

- 5K-Mark your calendars for Sunday June 3rd – committee meetings will begin after January
- Book Club- letters go home with students having a birthday that month.
- Book Fair- Gross proceeds totaled \$2,353.70 –which is split between the media center and PTA. Thank you to all our volunteers! The busiest time period for sales was during the Spaghetti Dinner. Need to look into setting it up so that teachers are able to receive “Scholastic Dollars”. We would get more income this way.
- Box Tops- no update, just keep clipping.
- Cultural Arts- Faith in the Flakes with Justin Berk- December 21
- Family Fun- Planning a BINGO night for January with prize baskets created by each class.
- Fifth Grade- Bake Sale during parent teacher conferences (made nearly \$500)
- Membership-193 families have joined
- Spirit Wear- Profited about \$250. Hoping to open up ordering again in February/March.
- Restaurant Nights-Made \$278.75 during Chipotle Night. Next Dine Out Night is January 10 from 5-9 at Cheeburger Cheeburger

- Room Parents- Room Parents should be taking care of the gifts for the teacher and para. Please remember to send a copy of the checklist to Glenda Baca for record keeping. Dr. Holden is seeking to make the system more uniform throughout all the classrooms.
- Scripts- first order was a success and profited over \$300
- Staff Appreciation- Nothing planned for December. Will have a school supply restocking cart in January. Will ask for donations after the first of the year.
- Teacher Support- As teachers get more and more busy this time of year, please remind them to email Erin Morris – erin_walker78@hotmail.com. The committee of volunteers is ready to help with any cutting, sorting, etc.
- Yearbook- If you have photos to contribute towards the yearbook, please email them to aesyearbookmd@gmail.com. Please remember photos should be clear and include 2 or more individuals. If you have an event you would like photos taken for the yearbook, please email Nicole Alston at Nicole.Alston29@gmail.com. If you would like to submit pictures, please do so by March to be included in the Yearbook. Would it be possible for Mrs. Muir to purchase a camera for the school? Would it be possible to have some of the GT students work on the Yearbook?

New Business and/or Concerns

- Is there anyone who would be willing to manage the PTA website? Please contact Karen if you are interested.
- Arrival/Dismissal concerns follow up? Will need an update from Dr. Holden.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Dine out Night- January 10 from 5-9pm at Cheeburger Cheeburger
- Next PTA Meeting January 9, 2018

This meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.