

PTA meeting

January 23, 2017

Called to order at 9:32

President Welcome:

Principal Welcome:

- Getting back into routine and reorganizing. Smooth adjustment.
- We have 16 new laptops with \$10,000 PTA donation + School funds. 16-computer cart is going into 6th grade POD area. Looking for support to purchase more computers. Thank you PTA!
- Budget - presented budget (county). Asking 4.9%. Do not know what will happen. Maintain request for funds to pay teachers. Have a 3rd grade position available with only 3 people applying. It truly is a problem getting teachers in to apply in Fairfax County. Continuing problem that could affect us more. Budget calendar presented. Holding pattern.
- Trying to prevent illness as much as possible by keeping desks and classrooms clean.

Assistant Principal:

-3rd through 6th grade COGAT results just came in. They were late. No additional testing at this time.

-President:

- December Holiday Cookie Carry very successful! Enjoyed by all.
- PTA Holiday Party will still happen. Looking for a date. Would like help from people in planning.

Treasurer:

- Budget presented.
- Stella & Dot donation presented for LA Reads

Old Business:

-Minutes Approved from November Meeting

-New Business:

-Nominating Committee - looking for members. Help fill roles for next year. Cathy Hardman, Stephanie Bollini nominating volunteers.

Program Announcements:

-Science Showcase - new name since 6th graders not required to participate. Encouraging participation among all classes. Sign-up in each classroom so that teachers can encourage participation. In Sunbeam. Talking about it. In Tuesday folder tomorrow. March 9th Deadline to sign-up.

-Directory - Have 242 Members. Still plugging membership.

-Pizza Bingo - February 10th. Sign-up Genius sent. Looking for volunteers, bakers, and prizes. Silent Auction is only teacher experiences. Reserved Parking for special events. Seats at 6th grade graduation. 8th grade volunteers welcome.

-Sunshine Times - 2 editions written per year. Last edition written was thinner than hoped for. Will reconsider publication date. Considering publication options. Numbers printed? Will look for a small committee. Cathy Hardman has offered to help. Try to find a way for parents to access the paper. Needs to be password protected for privacy reasons. Next articles due April 28th. Doesn't have to be written article. Could be a photograph. Send out reporters to school events.

-International Night - March 31st. Sell t-shirts as part of a fundraiser? Concerned this would take away from being a community event. Fundraising ideas moved to fundraising event. Required to maintain 3 to 1 community to fundraising events for non-profit status. Could sell t-shirts online before event. Proceeds could go directly to technology or general budget. PTA prefers money not be earmarked then PTA decides where to spend money.

Reflections - 11 pieces of art selected. 5 have moved forward. Win LAES then Fairfax County. Then District. Then State. Then National.

Original Works - Kids make a piece of art then company makes art into gifts/items. Theme will be related to nature. 35th year of going to Camp Highroads. Made \$3,000 without much effort last year.

Spirit Wear - Push in the spring. Considering a shirt with 35 years at Camp Highroads.

6th Grade dinner/gift: Not a dinner. It will be a celebration. Considering photo booth, DJ. Meeting February 1st for all volunteers. Considering Art Residency. Where could the piece go? Would students use it? Opening meetings up to 6th grade students. Happy Hour at Whole Foods February 1st for planning.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30

Next Meeting: February 27th. Evening Meeting at 7:30

June PTA Meeting -- Will we have one?