

Beall Elementary School PTA General Membership Meeting  
Beall Elementary School Media Center  
April 4, 2017, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Officer's Reports:
  - a. President (Paula Tully)
    - i. Past Events
      1. Dine out at Panera
      2. March Madness, 3/17
        - a. We raised over \$4K. Thanks to the generosity of FJ Capital, we did not have any expenses as they covered them all!
    - ii. Upcoming Events
      1. Dine out at Hard Times and Carmen's
      2. Silent Auction / Parents' Night Out, 4/28
      3. Staff Appreciation week, kicks off 5/1
      4. Read-A-Thon, 5/5 and goes for three-weeks.
      5. Food Truck and Family Reading Night will be held during Read-A-Thon
    - iii. Facebook – Make sure to like Beall PTA
  - b. Vice President of Communications (Tyra Estwick)
    - i. No report.
  - c. Vice President of Programs (Melissa Scales)
    - i. New programs have been added. Check [www.beallpta.org/after\\_school\\_activities](http://www.beallpta.org/after_school_activities)
    - ii. Greenkids: Kindergarteners will do a bird beak investigation in June. In March first grade participated in a trash timeline lesson and pledged to do "3 Green Things" in the classroom to help the environment. Second graders planted their lettuce gardens right before spring break. Third grade will do papermaking in May. Fourth grade will be doing stream study in May. Fifth grade did an energy audit in March.
    - iii. May's PTA meeting will include a presentation by the Parent Encouragement Program on Positive Discipline.
  - d. Treasurer (Gotthard Szabo)
    - i. Have ~\$17K in the bank at the moment.
    - ii. Large upcoming ticket item is Staff Training.
  - e. Secretary (Janet Brown)
    - i. March minutes passed with the exclusion of a sentence regarding Mrs. Cohan's role in class baskets.
  - f. Fundraiser Report (Juliana Lutwin)
    - i. Silent Auction: students can get SSL hours for helping out.
    - ii. Rockville Rewards cards are now \$10 each!
  - g. Membership Report (Xi Zhou)
    - i. No report.
  - h. MCCPTA Delegate (Susan Gorant, Gabe Meyer)
    - i. The last meeting focused on the slate, discussion with police officers about Rockville High School incident.
    - ii. MCCPTA trying to get gambling monies from state, which is supposed to be in addition to regular funding.
    - iii. Related note, MD PTA sent notice that they oppose vouchers. Tyra will distribute via email.
3. Principal's Report (Elliot Alter)
  - a. Staffing season is here. Some changes are expected to happen.
    - i. Received allocations.
    - ii. Didn't lose any positions.
    - iii. Granted the 6<sup>th</sup> K teacher.
  - b. Sign up for incoming Ks

- c. Will have 5 4<sup>th</sup> grades next year.
  - d. Homeschool model being introduced; more inclusive
  - e. AC coming next week or week after. Can't have heat and AC at the same time so mind the temps and send sweaters when appropriate.
  - f. Take Your Child to Work day is coming up. Preregistering is strongly encouraged.
4. Staff Representative Report (Kathleen Cohan)
- a. Microwave died. If you have one that you can donate, please drop it off to the front office.
5. Standing Committee Reports
- a. Nominating Committee (Tracy Saltarelli)
    - i. President is the one position the needs to be filled.
  - b. Silent Auction (Gabe Meyer)
    - i. 45 prizes donated; including 10 after school programs
    - ii. If you know anyone / business that will donate, please share.
6. Unfinished Business
- a. RMES #5 (see options 1-4 in handout; options 1-3 are same for Beall).
    - i. RP5 kids now get bussed to Ritchie Park (RP), pass two elementary schools to get to RP, no easy way to get to CG don't go to Fallsmead because part of Wootton and W overutilized.
    - ii. Paula stated that we asked that least amount of kids get moved and if RP 5 kids move to CG, everyone gets moved around
    - iii. Chinese immersion (CI): Board in 2010 made resolution that CI would move from CG. RP only has seating capacity for 600 kids so they aren't an option. There was not option to leave CI there.
    - iv. Option 4 changes Beall from a neighborhood school to not. 140 kids from mostly cluster but otherwise in county. We'd be getting CG2 from far north. However under all other options, Beall would remain overcrowded by three classrooms, which would mean portables. FARMS would stay the same under option 4. CI at new school would give it a boost.
    - v. Plan if fifth grader stays at Beall and younger child at new school. Not allowing change of school assignment just for this. First year RMES #5 is not planning a fifth grade but may have small fifth grade. If have bus now, will still have bus but might be in new location.
    - vi. Beall teachers at new school: Will hire new principal for new school, will encourage existing staff members to apply at other schools, including new school. New principal search will start in Dec., Jan, staffing in Feb-March
    - vii. Total population 740, consisting of original building plus shell to house 138. Build out shell: \$1.5 mil-1.8 million, if wait, goes up to 8 million. Building out shell would not affect opening time up until a certain date: Zones would not change per committee, but superintendant could change at his discretion.
    - viii. To put pressure on county to build out shell, best way is to mail, call or fax county council members. Email less effective.
    - ix. Operating budget meeting later this week. MCPS has form on website for submitting feedback. Also on Beall PTA website. Look up long range planning.
    - x. Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade expected to stay at Beall.
    - xi. CG 3 moved to Beall in all of 3 options, but CG still below capacity. Why not keep CG3 at CG? Puts them over capacity. We don't know how much. We estimate CG3 has roughly 50 children. No place to split up CG3 because it's a neighborhood. Trying not to split neighborhoods more than they already are.
    - xii. Committee established many criteria: neighborhoods, roads, socioeconomic. Want to put pressure on criteria they are using. Options 1 and 2 include CI, but CI makes socioeconomic look better than it is. Non CI would be 40% FARMS at RMES 5.
    - xiii. How find out more resources re how each of four options likely to affect home values? Realtor answers walkability important.

- xiv. How does CI benefit a school? CI comes with three teachers—k-1 2-3. 4-5. CG currently receives language once a week because IB school. Not clear whether other students would receive language just because part of CI school.
- xv. What if make new school IB? Not within scope of boundary study but would help.
- xvi. FARMS needs to be 60% to make it title 1. Twinbrook is now a focus school and next year likely to become title 1. They don't want to change because don't want to lose title 1 funding.
- xvii. Why don't put CI in school that is under enrolled? Only schools that are under enrolled are on fringes of county.
- xviii. If at CI but elsewhere in county, would you go to JW or to home middle school? Could apply to IB program at JW through COSA or home school. Wouldn't that be a reason to ask CI to go to another school? Outside scope of study
- xix. Shell would accommodate 6 classrooms
- xx. Richie Park seems like only school benefitting from new school—Paula says this has been pointed out many times.
- xxi. PTA should advocate for shell being built out, CI going elsewhere.
- xxii. Twinbrook opposed to option 3 (CI moving to Twinbrook) because they would lose title 1 funding. If each school is more narrow about their strongly favor and disfavor, might have more influence. Paula says can't strongly get behind any of four options. Likely committee will have to come up with new options.

7. New Business

8. Adjournment

- a. Adjourned at 9:05 pm