



BEALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2012

Board Members Present: Elliot Alter, Principal; Tida Violante, President; Monique Ashton, VP for Planning; Rachel Frier, VP for Communications; Jennifer Martella, Secretary; Fundraising Chair, Meg Page; Robin Ofner and Beth Wisneski, Delegates. (Rob Gibbs, Treasurer, by phone.)

March meeting minutes approved.

Officer Reports:

Finance (Tida for Rob Gibbs): See budget distributed on listserv, website, and at the meeting. When we started the school year we had almost \$10,000 in the bank already. We also earned over \$4000 in the March Madness raffle, and over \$3000 from the event. The PTA also applied for grants through the National PTA, and we received a matching grant from Promethean. We submitted March Madness as an innovative fundraiser, and they matched \$3700.

To utilize these funds, Tida proposes to use \$12,000 to buy some equipment and basketball hoops for the school; specifically, \$9000 for Elmo projectors and oversize color printer and \$3000 for 3 hoops. Toner and maintenance of the printer and projectors will be handled through the school budget. We will still have about \$4700 over expenses, not counting Giant bonus card money (which was \$1800 last year).

18 members present. Vote on spending proposal: 12 yays; 0 nays.

The PTA is hosting a coffee with Mr. Alter at 4/25 at 8:50 am. Come with questions and support.

Dine out Nights (Beth Wisneski): Total for March (Five Guys and Marble Slab) was almost \$700. Marble Slab said it was their best scoop night, so in April (Wed., 4/18) we have Buffalo Wild Wings and we will pair again with Marble Slab. Teachers will guest scoop. We are still waiting on Mamma Lucia numbers from February.

Fundraising (Meg and Tida): The raffle during March Madness made \$4500 net.

Principal's Report (Mr. Alter): MSA week is over. This week we're starting the gifted and talented (G&T) screening process for current 2-5th graders. (A child does not need a G&T label to get into a G&T program.) At the end of April, 2d graders have Terra Nova 2 testing. This is the last year for this test, and second graders will no longer have standardized testing. 5th graders have the science MSA in May.

Class sizes will not be that different next year. We picked up a teacher in 4th grade, our largest grade. We will be getting an academic intervention ½ time position, to support upper-graded math. It's a year-to-year proposal.

President's Report (Tida Violante): Please attend the County Council meeting Thursday night on the Superintendent's operating budget for 2013. (See email on listserv and website.)

PTA total membership for the year is 275, which is 100 over last year. We may be getting recognition from the Maryland PTA (certificate).

Meleah Boyle, Gardening coordinator: We worked with Global Children's Center to get the kids out in the butterfly garden over 2 days during spring break. They pulled a lot of weeds and put down compost. We will continue our partnership with GCC. They plan to weed weekly with their gardening club. We are also hoping to put down mulch and plants.

Reports of Special Committees:

Nominating Committee for May officer elections: The nominating committee, required by our bylaws, is composed of Jen Martella, Ms. Lee, and Beth Wisneski. The elected positions are President, VP for Planning, VP for Communications, Treasurer and Secretary. Jen Martella is not running again for Secretary.

Special Orders: none.

Unfinished Business and General Orders:

March Madness (Tida): We made \$3600 net. Doug did a great job managing the event.

New Business:

Spring After-School Activities (Monique Ashton): Spring activities include KOA, I-9 basketball and soccer, Young Rembrandts. The classes with City of Rockville fell through because they didn't have enough enrollment. See the PTA website for the full list and information. Tell Monique if you think of other activities we could do for the fall – we're planning now.

Ms. Lee asked that parents tell each teacher when your child starts a new after school activity, for purposes of dismissal. Tida said each vendor is asked to email Lori in the front office so that the teachers know what the activities are each day, but some vendors don't. Monique said she will follow up with the vendors.

Staff Appreciation Week: May 7-11. We will send out information for volunteers and donations.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting on Tues., May 1 at 7 pm. We will be voting on the slate of officers for next year.