



BEALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Beall Elementary School PTA General Membership Meeting  
December 5, 2017

1. Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by PTA President Joshua Schnell, who confirmed that a quorum had been established, in accordance with the PTA's Bylaws.
2. Officer's Reports:
  - a. President - PTA President Joshua Schnell
    - i. Minutes from November 7 meeting need to be approved. Motion to approve minutes by Joshua Schnell, seconded by Jonathan Schwalbe. Minutes approved.
    - ii. Student Directory
      - a. Directories have been distributed.
    - iii. Dragon Disco was a success. Many thanks to Rohit and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers for organizing. Waiting on check from Carmen's to ascertain the total revenue.
  - b. Vice President of Programs – Jonathan Schwalbe
    - i. Coffee w/Mr. Alter is coming up on December 7.
    - ii. December Dine Out is at the Original Pancake House on December 15.
    - iii. January Dine Out will be at Chipotle on January 17.
    - iv. Dragon Men & Donuts coming up soon.
    - v. Grandparents' Day is December 22. Must register by December 18.
    - vi. Science Expo is January 25.
      - a. Karen Folkart – flyer will be coming home this week. Registration form next week. Volunteer opportunities are still available.
    - vii. Staff Luncheon is December 7<sup>th</sup>. Still need donated gift cards (\$10/each)
    - viii. Gabe Meyer – after school activities will be starting in January. Flyers to go out soon.
  - c. Vice President of Communications – Monica Berger
    - i. Staff wish lists need to be updated.
  - d. Treasurer – Gotthard Saghi Szabo
    - i. Audit of Fiscal Year 2017 is complete and submitted to MDPTA with the assistance of auditors Liza Ford, Katherine McCaffrey and Lok Samson. During the course of the Audit, auditors were unable to reconcile the previous Audit. This will be revisited to make corrections as needed (will work with MDPTA).
    - ii. \$5,000 spent so far this year.
    - iii. Book fair – waiting for final cost/revenue numbers
    - iv. New FY 18 budget proposal was presented. \*\$100 error to be corrected.
  - e. Fundraising – Paula Tully
    - i. Rockville Rewards card still for sale. 100% of proceeds go to PTA.
    - ii. Fall fundraiser is ongoing. So far \$780 of the \$5k goal has been raised.
    - iii. Mabel's Labels – flyer went home already. 20% of order totals to go PTA.
    - iv. Beall PTA is signed up for the Amazon Associate program which provides a larger percentage than Amazon Smile (1.5 – 2%).
  - f. MCCPTA Delegate's Report – Rohit Ranjan



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- i. PTA Membership cards are distributed and each member is supposed to get one.
    - ii. At the least meeting we received a blue book full of helpful contacts.
  - g. Secretary – Liza Ford
    - i. Yearbook ordering to begin before the holiday break for round 1. There will be another ordering round in the spring.
3. Membership – Delaney Higgs
  - i. Currently we have 312 members
4. Principal's Report – Elliot Alter
  - i. Grandparents Day is December 22 and guests must preregister. This gives the school an idea of how many people to expect as well as increases safety.
  - ii. Testing will begin soon for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students for the Gifted & Talented program.
  - iii. 5<sup>th</sup> grade students – magnet MS assessments letters will be coming from MCPS soon.
  - iv. Superintendent meeting at Rockville HS on 12/19 to discuss Capital Improvements and Operating Budgets/
  - v. Box top collection will take place in January.
5. Staff Liason – Danielle Hessler
  - i. No new business.
6. New Business
  - i. Opening of RMES # 5
    - a. Chinese Immersion program is moving from CGES to RMES #5.
    - b. Grades 3 – 5 staying at CGES for IB program
    - c. 320 Beall Dragons going to new school & approx. 60 kids from CGES coming to Beall the first year.
    - d. The new school's PTA will need a start-up fund (minimum \$10k). All schools should contribute.
    - e. Majority of Beall PTA's board will be leaving Beall with move.
    - f. Principal Selection – Eric Wilson (Dir. of School Performance) will be hiring as of 2/1.
    - g. Staffing allocations are received from MCPS the first week of March based on projected enrollment. Possibility of split classes.
    - h. Beall ES teachers are guaranteed interview at the new school if they want one.
    - i. Teachers are transferred if requested based on seniority. Voluntary transfer period ends in early May then there is a second session.
    - j. Naming of new school will take place in early spring. Cluster coordinator is going to propose naming the school after Eleanor Northway, a founding member of RDCA.
    - k. It is currently unknown if the new school will be an early or late start. Also unknown where/when K orientation will take place.
    - l. Want to consider making some sort of legacy project for students leaving Beall.
    - m. Woodley Gardens families – need to invite via CG principal to school events.



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- n. Global is going to apply for after care at new school – deadline is Friday.
- 7. Speaker - None
- 8. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned by PTA President Joshua Schnell at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liza Ford  
Secretary