



BEALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Beall Elementary School PTA General Membership Meeting
November 7, 2017

1. Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at 6:34 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 October 3 meeting need to be approved. Motion to approve minutes by Monica Berger, seconded by Rohit Ranjan. Minutes approved.
 - ii. Student Directory
 - a. Alejandro Cardemil has been working on this. Waiting on more people to confirm their information online.
 - b. Going to print late this week or early next week.
 - c. Distributed to PTA members only.
 - d. Question asked – if opt-out form was completed does confirming info online supercede the form; it does.
 - iii. Recess & Lunch volunteering – Need people for all shifts.
 - a. There is a raffle every month for gift cards – 1 entry per volunteer shift.
 - b. Place entries in tin with green lid by volunteer name tags in front office.
 - c. Must have completed volunteer training per MCPS.
 - d. Register as sub with MCPS and you can serve as a sub recess aide & be paid.
 - e. Cannot bring younger siblings.
 - b. Vice President of Programs – Jonathan Schwalbe
 - i. All set with volunteers for Science Expo & March Madness.
 - ii. This coming Saturday there is an event at the Rockville Science Center to show kids how to conduct science experiments (3-4pm)
 - iii. Dragon Disco will take place December 1 (new date).
 - c. Vice President of Communications – Monica Berger
 - i. Tea with Mr. Alter will take place the morning of December 7 in the All Purpose Room.
 - d. Treasurer – Gotthard Saghi Szabo
 - i. Audit of Fiscal Year 2017 is ongoing.
 - a. 30 day extension was granted by MDPTA.
 - b. Results will be shared at next PTA meeting.
 - ii. Proposed amending Fiscal Year 2018 budget to include \$3,840 for the purchase of 8 hand dryers. This was approved by board & members in FY 2017.
 - a. Motion to approve by Paula Tully. Seconded by Delaney Higgs. Motion approved.
 - e. Fundraising – Paula Tully
 - i. Rockville Rewards card still for sale. 100% of proceeds go to PTA.
 - ii. Fall fundraiser will involve direct donations, which are tax deductible.
 - iii. Amazon Prime – Beall PTA is signed up for the Amazon Associate program which provides a larger percentage than Amazon Smile (1.5 – 2%).



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- iv. Box Top collection will occur in January. Important: not expired & trimmed.
 - v. November dine out is at California Tortilla on November 14.
 - f. MCCPTA Delegate's Report – Susan Gorant
 - i. Capital Improvement plan – there are talks about changing the way that renovation projects are ordered/prioritized rather than following chronological order. This will affect Twinbrook Elementary.
 - ii. New school year calendar for 2018-19. There is a new version on the MCPS website as of October 25. Input is still being accepted.
 - g. Secretary – Liza Ford
 - i. Kids Helping Kids food drive went well. Will be dropping food off to Manna Food Bank soon.
3. Membership – Delaney Higgs
- i. Currently we have 306 members (134 family memberships)
 - ii. Bump may be due to directory offer for PTA members.
4. Principal's Report – Elliot Alter
- i. Parent/Teacher conferences are ongoing.
 - ii. Tomorrow the 5th grade students will be visiting the "curiosity cube", an in-house field trip focused on science experiments.
 - iii. Chinese acrobats will visit Beall the first week of December for a cultural arts assembly.
 - iv. MCPS portal
 - a. Grades should begin populating soon. If you lost your login info, contact the front office to reset password.
 - b. Grading is different than middle/high school.
 - c. Newsletters & other features will begin being utilized in the 2nd semester.
 - v. Grading – Report card will be distributed as normal.
 - a. Parents with questions about the new grading for grades 2-5 can direct questions to teachers or Mr. Alter.
 - b. A – Independently Mastering, B – Frequently Mastering (some prompting, C – Needs More Direction, D – Not Mastering
 - vi. Early dismissals – Nov 9, 10, 17 and 22.
 - a. Early dismissals are not listed on the Beall website because this may present a safety concern and instead parents are notified by email/phone.
 - vii. Principal meeting for RMES #5 – moved to December. Parents are invited to provide input.
5. Staff Liasion – Danielle Hessler
- i. Requested help with laminating for teachers. Liza Ford volunteered to laminate on Mondays.



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6. New Business
 - i. CIP plan for MCPS including RMES # 5 – Josh Schnell distributed slides outlining the process.
 - a. Asked for input from parents’ regarding their thoughts/concerns re: RMES #5 to present at the upcoming open meetings.
 - b. Several parents offered input about concerns including geography, FARMs rates, demographics, inconsistencies in the study process, lack of options reflecting the build out, school capacities.
7. Speaker - None
8. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned by PTA President Joshua Schnell at 8:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liza Ford
Secretary