



BEALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Beall Elementary School PTA General Membership Meeting
December 4, 2018

(Parenting Topic prior to meeting: Cedric- MCPS Safety and Security)

- 4 cameras allocated for every elementary school- 2 outside/2 inside
- New drill in MCPS underway: Lockdown with Options
- What can PTA do to support safety of the school? Be able to contact all parents about security issues and topics. Be vigilant. Take ownership over keeping the school safe and secure. Check/ask/challenge things that seem unsafe. Know your surroundings. Bring things to attention. Walkers should be reminded to know their surroundings, identify things that don't look right.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m. by PTA President Liza Ford, who confirmed that a quorum had been established, in accordance with the PTA's Bylaws.

2. Board of Directors Reports:

A. Officers Reports:

a. President- Liza Ford

i. Spirit wear should be here before winter break

b. Vice President of Programs- Johnathan Schwalbe

i. Upcoming Events:

1. Dragon Disco: some feedback that music may have been too loud- will look into it next year.

2. Dec 21, 2018- Grandparents' Day- PTA providing donuts

3. January 2- Tuesday- may move to January 3

4. January 15- Dine Out- Chipotle

5. January 24- Science Expo , check out the sign up genius. Register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1j18vkm40FsGKWdaPHQpF4SJTkSh8EGNT4iUbxPPUjnU/viewform?edit_requested=true

c. Vice President of Communications- Roseline Tekeu

i. Check Beall PTA website and Beall PTA Facebook page for updates

ii. Email blasts sent to all registered members on a weekly basis, on Sundays

iii. Send us news related to your events (communications@beallpta.org).

d. Treasurer – Katherine McCaffrey

i. Monthly financial review

1. Book Fair raised \$4600- goes to media/scholastic

2. Dragon Disco: \$1700 – goes to 4th grade field trips

ii. 990 (tax return) completed

e. Secretary- Wendy Whitaker

- i. Motion to accept minutes for the November PTA meetings. Seconded, passed.
 - B. Delegates/ Chairs Reports:
 - a. MCCPTA Delegate Report Susan Gorant
 - ii. Beall will be utilizing/implementing new math curriculum.
 - iii. New ad-hoc committee on safe stops/bus stops- if anyone is interested in helping reach out to Jason (jason@jksartori.com)
 - b. Fundraising- Rachel Anderson
 - iv. Fun Run: \$6348.52 was raised in total- will be used toward new playground gazebo or structure, more information to come
 - v. Ideas Discussed: Danceathon; 5th grade Legacy- sell bricks; Season Pass (“Dragon Pass”) to Beall Events; straightforward fundraising campaign “Did You Know...what we’ve done with the money...”
 - c. Membership Chair- Alejandro Cardemil
 - i. No updates
- 3. Principal’s Report- Eliot Alter
 - a. Feedback on new math curriculum needs to be in quickly- to Board of Education- we are part of cohort 1 for math. In the spring we will do a soft launch of math, then in the Fall all grades.
 - b. No Place for Hate Committee –kids. First event planned will be an assembly, December 18, money is funded through cultural arts PTA funds.
 - c. New school comparison report cards will be available- Beall is a 4 star school (highest score in our cluster) based on assessments/absences, etc. Baltimore Sun has a helpful breakdown of it.
 - d. Question: When does information get distributed about illness- Answer: school tries to send it out in a letter if more than three students in one classroom. Communicate with the teacher and the Office about illnesses.
- 4. Staff Liaison Report- Danielle Hessler
 - i. No new updates.
- 5. New Business
 - b. After school activities- received feedback from other schools- many use Flex Academies- list of vendors, they create the schedule/sign up is online, they have someone who comes in to monitor, they email updates. Would likely cost more for the classes. Will look into rates and what can be offered.
- 6. Adjournment
- 7. Next Meeting: January 3, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Whitaker
Secretary