

Minutes of the
Beall Elementary School PTA General Membership Meeting
June 3, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by PTA Board President Tida Violante. Ms. Violante distributed copies of the meeting agenda, the Treasurer's financial report, and the minutes of the February, April, and May General Membership meetings. Ms. Violante noted that there was a quorum of members present

I. Approval of General Meeting Minutes

- A. PTA Board Secretary Susan Gorant noted that, due to technical difficulties, the minutes of the February, April, and May 2015 General Membership meetings were being presented for approval. Ms. Gorant reminded the membership that there was no PTA General Membership meeting in March 2015.
- B. A motion was entered to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2015 General Membership meeting. Motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote.
- C. A motion was entered to approve the minutes of the April 2015 General Membership meeting. Motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote.
- D. A motion was entered to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2015 General Membership meeting. Motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote.

II. Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

A. PTA President's Report

- i. Tida Violante noted that several of the incoming PTA Board members were attending a training session that night and were, thus, unable to attend the Beal PTA meeting.
 - ii. Ms. Violante informed members that the Montgomery County Council approved an operating budget for the Montgomery County Public Schools, but the opening of the fifth elementary school for our Richard Montgomery cluster ("RMES #5) was pushed back to August 2018. She noted, also, that the Twinbrook Elementary School revitalization project was pushed back to 2023.
- B. Staff Update – The PTA membership was informed that the staff was very pleased with the variety of activities associated with this year's Staff Appreciation Week. The popcorn bar was particularly popular. Special thanks were offered to Rachel Wong, Juliana Lutwin, and Xi Zhou

for helping the week's events. Staff member Deborah Lee noted that the staff really appreciates all of the parent volunteers.

C. Principal's Update

- i. School Principal Elliot Alter informed the membership that students recently attended a magician's assembly focusing on the themes of taking risks and working collaboratively. Ms. Lee and several parents noted that the assembly was quite popular among the student. Mr. Alter expressed appreciation to the PTA for funding several assemblies during the school year.
- ii. Mr. Alter noted that a contract had been signed commissioning the art project funded by the PTA. The project will consist of a mobile designed in collaboration with our students. Parents asked about the possibility of eventually replacing the dragon sculpture that previously hung on the front of the school building. Mr. Alter stated that we would need to find an object/material that would be sturdy and would age gracefully.
- iii. Mr. Alter informed the membership of the upcoming Field Days for grades 3-5 and K-2. Field Day will be an all-day event for all grades except perhaps Kindergarten. The teachers will be purchasing popsicles for the students.

D. Treasurer's Report

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- i. Members were provided with an updated Financial Report. As of the end of May, there was a little over \$12,000 in the PTA's bank account. After expected expenditures, including those associated with the art project discussed above, Mr. Walsh expects there will be about \$5400 in the PTA's account by the end of the school year.
- ii. Tida Violante noted that approximately \$13,000 was spent on fitness equipment approved previously by the General Membership. We expect the equipment to be installed before the beginning of the next school year.

- iii. Ms. Violante noted that the May Dine Out fundraiser was a successful event with a good turn out. She reminded the General Membership that the PTA still needs a Fundraising Chair for next year. The incoming PTA Board President will post remaining PTA Board & Committee vacancies soon.

III. Events

- A. PTA members were reminded that the PTA Readathon is scheduled to end on Friday, June 5. Results will be announced on Monday.
 - B. The End-of-the-Year Picnic is scheduled for Friday, June 5. The Rain Date is June 12. Several parents suggested that the PTA do something special for incoming families at this event. Ms. Violante noted that the picnic schedule and events for this year already have been finalized, but that this would be something to consider for next year's picnic.
- IV. Expressions of Appreciation - Tida Violante thanked all of the individuals who helped make the school year a successful one for the PTA. She noted that it really was a team effort this year. Mr. Alter thanked Ms. Violante for all her hard work on behalf of the school, and the membership gave her around of applause.

A motion was entered to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gorant

Secretary, Beall Elementary School PTA Board of Directors

These minutes were approved at the October 6, 2015, Beall PTA General Membership Meeting by a majority vote.