



BEALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Minutes - General Membership Meeting 10/1/2014

There was an announcement about a new Girl Scout troop for any parents/girls interested.

The specials teachers presented themselves to parents and described their music and art programs.

Members were instructed to sign in their names. A total of 44 members were present.

The PTA meeting began at 7:05pm after the agenda and complimentary bags were passed out. Attendees were encouraged to mingle and introduce themselves to three others they don't know. Board members were introduced by Tida Violante, President. Tida also explained the organization of our local PTA, county's MCCPTA and state MDPTA.

We currently have 263 members with a goal of 350.

The School Directory team was introduced. The directory will be available to PTA members in a few weeks. There is also an app available for access of directory information.

All after school programs should have started by the end of this week. Parents are encouraged to provide any positive or negative feedback to Cathy Lease, as she is planning future sessions. One parent was grateful to have City of Rockville programs at the school. The winter session will begin in December (with a few City of Rockville programs starting again in November).

Fall Fundraisers include Innisbrook and Dine Out Nights. The Book Fair will be in November. Claire's Gourmet is a school, not a PTA, fundraiser run by Mrs. Pisarra.

Kathleen Cohan, our new PTA Staff Representative, said teachers are now finished with start of school assessments. The staff also requested for microwave donations for the lounge. Fourth grade teachers need volunteers to implement the Junior Achievement program. Teachers were interested in how after school programs are vetted: survey from last year, variety, recommendations, previous experience with our school or others, etc.

Principal Alter said Mr. Walker should be back in December following his fall off a ladder at school. Mr. Walker is very appreciative of all the cards that came pouring in. New picnic tables & benches have been installed around the school from PTA funds. New playground equipment has been installed on the lower playground. The school is trying to spread field trips throughout the year. Beall ES is also working with Montgomery College wherein some of our students go to the college campus to learn about different aspects of college life. The school is also partnership also for grants for outdoor school and Kindergarten to College (exposing kindergarteners to college). Open House is October 13 in the morning. The cafeteria will also begin to serve water as a choice for kids who do not want milk.

Nicole Santiago, MCCPTA Delegate, gave an update the MCCPTA Delegates meeting and informed

of the need for ESOL and Health Safety Committee members. Andrew Breychak, the second MCCPTA Delegate, described the MCCPTA and its purpose. He encouraged parents to participate and advocate for our children.

RMES#5 update. At MCPS all construction not already in design stage was pushed back one year. RMES#5 was already pushed back 2 years so that makes it 3 years behind. But hopefully will be ready no later than August 2018. Mr. Alter discussed more about the feasibility study and design plan. The location of the new school will be at the current Children's Resource Center. Boundary study should be done 18 months before the school opens.

Minutes from the June 3, 2014 General Membership meeting were voted on and approved.

MDPTA requires that we approve our Bylaws every three years in order to maintain our affiliation with MCCPTA and MDPTA. The revised Bylaws which was posted to the membership last month was explained by Jen Martella, Bylaws Committee Chairperson. Tida motioned to approve the Bylaws. The membership of 44 members present unanimously approved the revised Bylaws of Beall Elementary PTA, Inc.,

We will need a new Treasurer next year! Jon Walsh presented the Board approved FY2015 Budget. There was a question about teacher reimbursement. Teachers who are PTA members (fee of \$15) can request up to \$100 reimbursement for purchases for their classrooms. To be reimbursed from the school, they need to get preapproval for the purchase. Teacher Wish Lists are on the Beall PTA website if parents want to donate items for classrooms. This year's proposed budget was voted on and passed. Jon also presented the financial report through September 2014.

Sandy Alexander was introduced as our new NAACP Parents Council Representative.

Upcoming events are Walk to School Day on 10/8. Parent volunteers are needed to be at three designated meeting points at 8:15am that day. Julia Lutwin, Julia offered to be one.

Dine Out Night is 10/9 at Five Guys and Marble Slab Creamery with teachers scooping ice cream. Movie Night is on 10/16. Book fair 11/10-11/11. Tida needs volunteers for gardening and listserv moderator and a food drive.

Dragon Men - Rob Gibbs is looking for a replacement to coordinate Dragon Men events. There are a few events throughout the year.

Next meeting is November 5, 2014.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.