

Margaret Beeks PTO

Meeting Minutes from 5 January 2012 at 4PM

I. The meeting was called to order at 4PM. Attendees included the following: Carla Slebodnick, Jeanne Truesdell, Nancy Massey, Micah Mefford, Steve Sutphen, Yvonne Clark, Carly Weber, Laura Krisch, April Peacock, and Lisa Belden

II. Minutes from the December meeting were approved.

III. Treasurer's Report.

- There was a \$30 expenditure for reimbursement to Ms. Ridgley. PTO funds were used to correct an accounting error.
- Kroger card earnings continue to exceed projections.
- The swing-set that was ordered should be here and installed by January (estimated time).
- Budget is on track.

IV. Teacher Representative Report.

- No representative was present, therefore no new issues were presented.

V. President's Report

- Presentation of information from the latest meeting with Superintendent Brenda Blackburn.
 - Redistricting information:
 - Information can be found online at MCPS.org
 - On January 17th, the redistricting committee will make a presentation on work to date.
 - Decisions for issues impacting the 2012-13 school year will be made by March/April.
 - The county has formed the Montgomery County Educational Foundation for those wishing to donate money to fund new schools.
- New school funding sources are needed.
- The county is currently considering placing ads on schools, buses, and athletic fields as a means of income.

- On January 23rd, a rally will take place in Richmond to protest budget cuts to public schools. Any and all attendees are welcome.
- As of now, progress on all three new county schools is on schedule.

VI. Principal's Report.

- Inclement weather
 - Parents can sign up for inclement weather news on the MCPS website.
 - The weather-related delay/closure hotline number is 382.5102.
- A cultural arts assembly is booked for April 3rd.
 - The Hip Hop Handbook will present a hands on history of hip hop.
- New Teachers
 - Meredith Shelor has replaced Teresa Burke
 - Anna Lauth has replaced Allison Kruckow
- Suggestions for further cultural arts assemblies included the following from PTO meeting members:
 - Carla Slebodnick knows a jazz quintet who would be willing to perform for free.
 - Carly Weber suggested contacting the Radford School of Dance to see if they would be willing to visit the school and/or classrooms.

VII. Committee Chairs Report

- Books for Breakfast - Nancy Massey
 - The next B4B event is January 19th
 - A teachers' books for breakfast will be held during the next teacher appreciation event.
 - Teachers will be able to pick out free books for their classrooms.
 - Lisa Belden offered to search for specific titles at the Humane Society bookstore.
- Spring Fundraiser
 - Spring fundraiser will be a candy sale.
 - Sales materials will be disbursed in mid February.
 - Candy will arrive before Easter.
 - Volunteers will be needed to help sort candy.
- Fifth Grade Legacy

- The fifth graders are working on deciding, as a group, what they will donate to the school as their legacy gift.
- Landscape - Steve Sutphen
 - Proposals have been submitted to the Corning Foundation and the Master Gardener's Society for funds to do further landscape work around the school.
- Room Improvements - April Peacock
 - The VT Business Honors Society will come on a Friday night and Saturday morning in January/February to finish painting in several rooms. (Exact date TBD.)
 - April Peacock would like to feed them dinner and breakfast, and will need help to accomplish that.
 - Carla Slebodnick and Yvonne Clark both offered to help.

VIII. Volunteer Needs

- A president elect is still needed.

IX. Other Updates

- School Photos
 - Discussion of whether to continue a contract with Life Touch or contract with Katie Thacker Photography is tabled until next year when the contract with Life Touch expires.
- MBE 50th Birthday
 - A facebook page now exists for the event. Pass the word.
 - Information is needed on the cornerstone/time capsule.

X. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:40 PM.