

**Margaret Beeks PTO Meeting
November 6, 2013 @ 4 pm**

Attendance: Laura Oler, Faith Taylor, Rhonda Burch, Erica Ewell, Laura Krisch, Holly McFall, Caroline Mullins, Yvonne Clark, Crista Whaley, Alison Nimchuk, Carla Slebodnick, Dawn Jefferies

Welcome

Principal's Update – We received a large thank you from the 5th grade, who made \$1500 from their penny carnival.

Brown Bag lunches are scheduled for Nov 14 (addressing concerns with a teacher or child) and Dec 12 (bring your own device – integrating electronics in the classroom). They will be held from 11:30-12:30. All schools in Montgomery County will be receiving a security makeover. All visitors will be required to swipe an id card at the front door. Every door will have an id card swipe that teachers will use to open the doors. There will be cameras on the front door.

We will be collecting pop tops for the Ronald McDonald House as a school-wide service project.

President's update/Superintendent's meeting – The superintendent is emphasizing 5 areas this year.

- 1) Instruction, particularly math instruction
- 2) Salary increase for teachers and staff
- 3) Organization and management to be more seamless between schools
- 4) Technology – each 9th grader will get a tablet as they start high school. There is funding for this for non-accredited schools, but the district would like to fund it for all schools.
- 5) Facilities – all schools will receive a security makeover

Treasury Update – Kroger cards made \$1374 last month and \$1200 this month. Adventure world made \$380, and Sweet Frog made \$50. Mrs. Alden requested \$33.10 for dominos for math centers, which we will purchase for her.

School and Relations Committee Update – the library is sponsoring a pizza and movie night Friday from 6-8 pm. Pizza will be \$1 a slice, and lemonade and popcorn will be free. The movie is Super Buddies.

Committee Updates

School Pictures – Retakes are scheduled for Tues, Nov 12.

VT parking – November 16th volunteers needed. It is a 12:30 game against Maryland.

WOW class – We have applied for a grant to help kids who can't afford to go to the WOW class.

A repeat class will be offered in January because there was so much demand. A new class will be offered in the spring, and it will possibly repeat depending on interest.

Fundraising

Read A Thon – will last a month, culminating in our one book, one school project.

Restaurant Night – Sat is a brunch at Famous Anthony's and there will be January restaurant night at Bull and Bones, March at Sals, and May at Ben and Jerry's, and a second Bull and Bones night in June.

Box Tops -- Everyone likes the mailbox in front of the school. We have made \$771 in box tops so far this year.

New Business

Grants for Teachers – November 30th is the due date. The teachers need to itemize expenses and have 2 price checks. Specialty teachers are also eligible. This is for items over \$100.

Website Volunteer Opportunities – we would like to be able to post current volunteer needs on the website. What needs do we have? Lunch room, library, office.

Ronald McDonald pull tabs – we are collecting these as a school community service project.

Upcoming Activities – we need to start planning the international week and daddy daughter dance.