



PTA Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. School Reports and Updates
 - a. Dr. Baier's Report:
 - i. School year off to a great start. Enrollment at 289. This year's theme is Teach Like a Pirate. Teachers are participating in a book club using a book by this title by Dave Burgess.
 - ii. Issues with transportation: Has been hard and it has been a systemic issue. Has caused hardship for some families due to inconsistent bus routes and transportation issue. When students are enrolled, it is entered and it is filtered to the Office of Transportation. The school will continue working with transportation to work out the issues.
 - iii. The students are great and it has been a pleasure getting to meet each of them. Handbook talks were completed during the 2nd week and the books should have come home. Please sign the last page and return it to your child's teacher.
 - b. Mrs. Powers's Report
 - i. Transportation: When a student's information is entered in the system, the information is sent to transportation for the GPS system to create a route. It doesn't always work as expected and sometimes the assigned route is not accurate. This can be manually changed, however, it requires the school making a request for the routing assistant and tech.
3. Board Reports
 - a. Amanda and Ashley Reports (presidents): Working with Ms. Lepley to create kindness rocks.
 - b. Jeff's Report (treasurer): Participated via phone conference. Shared the most current budget report. More information will be available at upcoming meetings.
 - c. Debby and Marnie Reports (communications): Proposed budget for 2017-2018 school year. Balance is sufficient at this point. A lot of the budget is dependent on participation and fundraising. Tried to gage the average level of participation to create an informed budget.
4. Committee and Event Chairs Update
 - a. Box Tops- Debby Katzen
 - i. Collecting for a contest at the end of October. Every box top is \$.10. Can send on the collection sheet or in a plastic bag if you do not have the collection sheet.
 - b. Directory- Debby Katzen
 - i. Email Blasts are being sent. 70 families have confirmed their enrollment for My School Anywhere. This year it will be searchable for members of

the PTA only. Last year it was open to everyone. Trying to collect sponsors for the directory.

- c. Fifth Grade Chairs- Elizabeth Carr, Lara Nicholson, Sara Greenberg
 - i. Raises money for 5th grade graduation, T-Shirts, the party, gifts, and a donation gift to the school. Fundraisers for 5th grade include the Read-A - thon and other things throughout the year.
- d. Fort Gives Back- Troy & Jill Dannenfelser
 - i. Hurricane Relief- Bring in old shoes. Information will be sent once this is established.
- e. Monster Bash and Trunk or Treat- Robin Holt, Heather Crawford
 - i. October 27th- A sign-up genius will be sent for volunteers. Decorate your car and have candy for the students as they walk around. Teachers also participate and sign up. Ask parents to send in treats and please make sure to avoid any peanut based candies due to allergies. Asking for donations of decorations as well. In need of a clean up committee for the event.
- f. Hospitality- Amanda Shapiro, Ashley Smith (Need new volunteers)
 - i. Provides breakfast for the teachers and bus drivers the first week back. Looking for new volunteers. Mindy Saler and Tracy Stein will take it over for 2018-2019.
- g. Membership- Lorren Rapkin
 - i. PTA membership letters went out. Various levels of the PTA. Membership form includes the details of the different levels and the benefits of joining the PTA.
- h. Movie Night- Melissa Gofstein, Elissa Kohel
 - i. Usually occurs in the spring. There was discussion of having it in October, but for this year, it will remain in the spring. Will try to hold the movie outside and have food trucks available.
- i. Cultural Arts- ?
 - i. Looking to get this committee started again. Money has been paid for an assembly already for this school year. (Committee: Candi Krupitsky)
- j. Restaurant Nights- Jill Glick, Melissa Gofstein
 - i. First will be Oct 17 at Chipotle in Pikesville. Flyers will be sent home
- k. School Supplies- Jennifer Roberts
 - i. Sold 85 kits with \$5.00 profit on each.
- l. Plant Sale- New Volunteer (Ms. Posner)
 - i. The Friday before Mother's Day students are able to buy plants. Each student receives one free flower from the PTA. Parents are able to come on Friday afternoon to purchase any flowers that are left over. Need volunteers to unload the truck on Thursday after school and to help students and take money on Friday while students purchase plants.
- m. Spirit Wear- Alissa Abrams-Densky, Laura Lamb

- i. New spirit wear flyer will be going home this week. Sweatshirt and T for girls, and UA short sleeve T and sweatshirt for the boys. Spirit wear will be available by Thanksgiving.
- n. Staff Appreciation Week- Karie Falck, Jamye Uhlfelder, Carly Mass
 - i. No Updates
 - o. Friends at Fort- Need a parent of an incoming Kindergarteners
 - i. Organizing two playground meet-ups over the summer for incoming K students to meet prior to the school year.
- p. Girls on the Run- Jessica Normington
 - i. Ends in a run. Talks about girls stuff including bullying. Starts next Thursday, September 28th. The race is December 10th. Still room available for 4th and 5th grade students.
- q. Yearbook – Carly Maas
 - i. Looking for more people to join the committee to help organize photos, 5th grade ads, pre-sale, cover contest, the theme is Learning is an Adventure. Families can upload pictures to an app of events that are school related or activities that occur in school.

5. Miscellaneous

- a. Yankee Candle Fundraiser-Need a volunteer
- b. Take Care of Plants out Front- Need a volunteer
 - i. To water the new potted plants

Additional Discussions:

We are considering holding a Sneak-A-Peek next year prior to the start of the year to allow students to see their classroom and meet their teacher.

Parks and Rec does hold after school activities. Other than Parks and Rec, the school does not have after school clubs.

Dates To Remember:

September 21st- Rosh Hashanah- School is closed

October 5th- Chipotle Restaurant Night- Order your food for the Ravens Game!

October 21st- Superior Tours Bus Trip

October 23rd- Next PTA meeting

October 27th- Trunk or Treat