

PTA Meeting Notes-

11/20/2019

21 Members Present and 3 Officers Present

Dr. Baiers Update-

- There was an update on the policy of transportation. The signs have changed in the parking lots. We had a police officer, a representative from the office of transportation and a representative from Baltimore county and grounds.
- Faculty parking lot update- we received 2 new CALS programs (the autism program) and this comes along with more faculty needing the parking lot.
- There was a debate about why there is not a way to have a crossing guard and an easier drop off situation. Parents were upset that there is no way to drop off.
- Dr. Baier had someone come and evaluate the director of safety to look at drop off situations and it doesn't work for our property.
- Signs in front of the school- you may not park in front of the school for a certain hours. Someone came to evaluate to make sure parents were parking appropriately. Someone asked why do the signs say no parking but we are told not to stop. We are trying to figure out if we can stop and walk the children in with the parking sign. We are hoping to have a colored diagram sent out that shows the correct place to park. There was the idea to possibly have parent volunteer or safety's to walk the children in.
- A parent reminded everyone that this is a green school and that is why everyone has a bus stop- this can eliminate the parking situation.
- Dr. Baier is willing to look into the option of having safety monitors. She mentioned her door is always open.

Mrs. Denmyer's Update-

- Mrs. Denmyer addressed the problems the White Rockfish Bus (308) has had.- The school has been in communication with transportation and they are working extremely hard to resolve the problem.
- From representative from transportation- there will be changes on the bus route effective on Monday. They think that change will be positive. This issue has gone up to the supervisor and they think it can be easily corrected. There will be a connect ed call about the changes made to the stops. They reminded the parents if there is a concern about the bus driver please bring it to Mrs. Denmyer and they will evaluate it.

Mrs. Lepley's Presentation-

- She told us she comes into each class once a month and follows a curriculum that is given to her by the county. She went over the units for each month that she goes over. She has 2 goals
 - (1) She would like to lower the amount of office negative referrals.
 - (2) To improve academic achievements. She does this by helping with mindfulness and anxiety reduction and she has implemented peer tutoring with 5th graders.

- She has started a book club- this month's book is *The Gift of Failure*. She had a sign up sheet for parents interested. The talk is done virtually.
- Mrs. Lepley also talked about the positive office referral program. She went through each grades positive behavior plans that are implemented. She also spoke about the program called Shubert- conscious discipline. It's a new method to help calm yourself when you are having heavy or big feelings.

Treasurer's Update-

- The budget update is attached and was quickly reviewed.

Spirit Wear Update-

- Thank you to everyone who has ordered the wonderful spirit wear. We have made a profit of \$466. Just a reminder the online store always open.

Restaurant Night-

- Our next restaurant night will be on January 15th at Koopers North. Our most recent night held at Cuvino we raised \$385.

Reminders and Updates-

- Tomorrow report cards come home. Please sign them. Friday schools are closed for conferences. There will not be comments on the report card – all that information will be given during the conference.
- Ballroom dancing- was included for 4th graders this year and it was a success.