

PTA Minutes

March 16, 2015

6:30pm- 7:25 pm

President's Report

- Ayme requested parents to think about who might be interested signing up for a committee. Please call or email Ayme with any questions.
- Ayme and Jessica will continue on next year if no one else is interested. We would love to find a new treasurer that has QuickBooks and Jess would go to VP.
- The PTA will distribute information to incoming parents at the upcoming kindergarten roundup

Treasurer's Report

For the month of: February

At a loss last month from a large purchase for spirit wear. Overall, the PTA is fine with their funds.

Total Income: \$488.00

Total Expenses: \$1,121.00

Net Income: -\$633.00

Principal's Report

- Visitors from 39 other schools will begin to visit Fort Garrison. This Wednesday, visitors from Texas will be touring our school.
- There will probably be many more visitors from other states that will tour schools next school year.
- Eventually all fourth and fifth graders will receive Spanish in Baltimore County Public Schools.

- Baltimore County has added a ½ day for students prior to spring break (April 2nd). It will be a full day for staff.
- The fifth grade graduation will be held June 17th.
- The last day of school will be June 19th.
- Only for elementary students does a “half day” count as a “full day”; hours are counted for high school students.
- Staffing for next school year was received. FGES enrollment is dropping. Next year we are project for 352 students. However, enrollment in Kindergarten is strong.
- Next year’s staffing is projected as follows:
 - 3 kindergarten classes
 - 2 first grade classes
 - 2 second grade classes
 - 2 third grade classes
 - 3 fourth grade classes
 - 3 fifth grade classes
 - 2 full time special education resource teachers

Mrs. Sullivan is retiring at the end of this school year.

Ms. Crain will be the school’s reading specialist next school year.

Assistant Principal’s Report

- PARCC testing is almost completed
- All PARRC testing is completed on student devices
- 5th grade will take MSA Science in April
- Between May and June- the 4th and 5th graders will complete a shorter version of PARCC
- It has been undetermined when scores will be sent to parents
- MAP testing will also be completed before the end of the school year

Event Chairs Report

Communication: If you are running an event- please email Tanzi **OR** Erin (not both), that way duplicate emails will not be sent to parents. When you create a flyer for an event, please make sure you put it in all staff members’ mailboxes- that way all teachers are aware of upcoming events

Box Tops: Ms. Crain's class won the last contest. There is one more contest that is still in progress.

Fifth Grade Chair: Pie Five night went well- \$165 was earned, Monday night is Painted Palette- email Caryn or Allyson Simon if you are interested, tickets are on sale for Oriole night-it is opened to non-FGES students.

Fort Gives Back: There is a sign up genius that has been sent out for Kids Helping Hopkins Dance, event is this Friday at school from 7:30pm-9:30pm. A few parents are still in need to sign up for the "clean up" slots; \$3 per person entrance fee or \$10 per family. Parents must stay with their children. This is not a drop off event.

Friends and Families at the Fort: Candi is meeting with parents to help families get involved.

Hershey Park Fundraiser: A form will be distributed to buy Hershey Park tickets at a discount and it will be a fundraiser for the PTA, tickets are good for the whole season, all money must be turned in by April 24th

Fit at the Fort: for next school year-there is a program called Girls on the Run for 4th and 5th graders, it is a 12 week program that ends with a 5K, Go Girls Go is a program that is ending, it is an after school program that meets twice a week, if someone is interested in creating something for the boys- please contact Ayme

Movie Night: there was a much smaller turn-out this school year, due to not having the teacher auction- students stayed inside and watched the movie the entire event, mainly k-2nd graders attended

Plant Sale: The plant sale is taking pre-orders up to March 30th, it will be held on May 8th, volunteers are needed

Restaurant Night: a little over \$100 was earned from Suburban House, the last event will be May 21st at Noodles and Company in Pikesville

Spirit: this committee is working with Ms. Crain for the Reading Night Pep Rally (March 30th), all items will be sold for \$5 and under, items will be presold during lunchtime but will not be given out until the day of Reading Night (teachers will distribute items before the end of the school day on March 30th)

Next school year: it was suggested that teachers can keep a tally of students who bring in reading logs and on the actual reading night students can receive their tickets

Teacher auction items will be presented that night too

Yearbook: the presale has now ended, but yearbooks can still be ordered

Upcoming events

3/20- Hop for Hopkins at Fort Garrison- 7:30pm-9:30pm

3/23- Paint, Sip, and Create- Fifth Grade Fundraiser- 7:30pm

3/30- Reading Night and Pep Rally!- 5:30pm

4/1- Third marking period ends

4/2- Half day for students; Spring Break Begins at the end of the school day

4/13- School Reopens

4/13- PTA Meeting- 6:30pm

4/23- Distribution of report cards

4/24- 5th Grade Orioles Night