

PTA Meeting
November 20, 2017

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Dr. Baier's report: Thanks to families for coming out to AEW. Thanks for a great Monster Bash. Report cards were distributed last week. Some changes had been made. There is a parent handbook available on the BCPS website to help parents understand the changes. One major change is that students will only receive grades in the special areas after the 2nd and 4th marking periods only. This is due to students only having these classes once per week and with school closures, it is possible that they miss a certain special area multiple times during a marking period. As a follow up to the last meeting, she did reach out to the administration at Pikesville Middle and it is not possible at this time to hold a fall visitation. However, families can arrange an individual visit for their child if they are interested.
- III. Mrs. Powers' Report: Students in the 4th and 5th grade are invited to STEAM Night at Pikesville Middle school on November 30th. This is a great opportunity to visit the middle school and speak with current families as well as participating in fun Science, Math, and Art activities. Reading Innovation Night will be held at FGES on November 28th with many great activities beginning at 6:30. Food trucks will be available from 5:30-6:30 should families want to come early for a picnic dinner.
- IV. Budget Report: Overall doing well. Membership doing well overall but is falling short. Fundraising doing well so far. Spirit Wear was about 4100. Once the costs are in, we will know more. Holiday shop has been generating a lot of collections. Disbursements so far have been mostly for the assemblies.

Committee Reports:

- a. Rita's: \$100. (only made \$40 but owner doubled it) Next one at Green Turtle in Owings Mills on Dec 14
- b. Directory: Online, hopefully people are using it. So far no non-members have requested access
- c. Yankee Candle: Probably make around \$1300. Still opportunity to do online orders. The online APP is open until January 11. The paper orders will be in before winter break. Online orders will be delivered directly to the house.
- d. Holiday Shop: Close to \$4000 so far. Will be sending out another reminder.
- e. Fifth Grade: 5th grade is sponsoring a screening of the movie Wonder. Accepting orders until November 27th. Can sell up to 80 tickets. Supports the 5th grade but open to any student. Selling Pop Sockets and hopefully they will be available for reading night.
- f. Spirit Wear: Early tally, made about \$5000. Not as good as last year. See if they can do a reorder. See if there is enough interest in order to place a second order. Selling water bottles at the table during AEW. Can't get the fuzzy sweatshirt for adult sizes.
- g. Box Tops: First contest raised over \$500. Ms. Parry's class won the contest. This is half the goal of \$1000. Rewarding the top ten families. Box Top App that offers coupons for various products.
- h. Membership: 135 total members which includes a lot of faculty. Staff can turn in receipts for up to \$150 until they join the PTA.
- i. Cultural Arts: An assembly for something culturally enriching in the spring. Will be meeting with Dr. Baier to discuss logistics of the assembly and possible dates.

New Topics/Comments:

Revisit Bingo Night – check with other schools to see how it is done.

Next Meeting: December 18, 2017