

**HUNT VALLEY PTA
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12th, 2015**

Attendance: Julie Whitehouse, Jodie Langford, Rebecca Fernandes, Kelly Van Buskirk, David Fee, Maura Green, Jim McMahon, Andrew Clarke, Steve Lee, Susan Lutz, Catherine Luby, Leeann Turner, Mary Berry, Jenn McAnallen, Denise Vanderbilt. Stephanie Curb, Marina Trad (17)

**I apologize for any misspellings - Kelly Van Buskirk

Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from January 15th, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer's report for January 2015 was approved as presented.

Volunteer of the Month: Stephanie Curb - Hospitality. She has done an amazing job organizing our hospitality days and is always in the school volunteering where she is needed. Thanks for all your hard work!

School Counseling Presentation - Mrs. Berry

- A PowerPoint presentation and video were presented by Mrs. Berry to provide information about the role counselors play within our school and how they assist our students. If you would like more information, please contact Mrs. Mason ([703-913-8883](tel:703-913-8883) tamason@fcps.edu) or Mrs. Berry ([703-913-8885](tel:703-913-8885) mfberry@fcps.edu).
- They are offering support to families through on-going monthly meetings to address the challenges of life with ADHD. The 1st meeting is currently scheduled for **Wednesday Feb 18th**. The meetings will take place in the library from 7:00 – 8:30

Board Report: Get your Giant cards in before March 28th deadline.

- **Spirit Nights Recap - YoGo** – We raised \$50 at this spirit night event.
- **Spring Family Pancake Dinner:** We have confirmed that Chris Cakes is coming on Friday April 10th at 5:30 for a pancake dinner. All you can eat pancakes, sausage and tang will be served. Prices and presale information will be announced shortly. Preschool children under the age of 5 are FREE! The PTA will include an allergy disclaimer with the presale information.
- **January Spirit Wear:** The spirit wear sale raised \$118.
- **Playground/Exterior Update:** Julie Whitehouse and Mr. Fee did a lot of research and gave information on why the PTA should avoid large renovations on school grounds that require a lot of maintenance - it is mainly due to the liability and maintenance responsibilities.
- **Beautification on Grounds:** In an effort to beautify our school grounds the PTA is seeking assistance from people with landscaping expertise within our community. Mr. Fee, Jodie Langford and a committee chair will complete a walk through of the school grounds and to assess which areas need work. Jim McMahon has volunteered to Chair this project.
- **Library Mural:** We are working with Mr. Fee and the administration to determine a more accurate cost for the mural.
- **Nominating Committee:** According to PTA bylaws, we will form a nominating committee of 3 members. These committee members will record the names of persons interested in running for a board position. They will also confirm the membership of these nominees and then present a list at the April and May meetings. If you are interested in a position on this committee, please contact Julie Whitehouse or Jodie Langford. The PTA board election is held in May. The PTA

board will make available on our website a detailed description of each board position. If anyone is interested in shadowing a position for the upcoming year, please let us know.

Faculty Report:

- Ms. Green spoke about the NNAT - this is a test that is administered to First Grade. It will take around 45 minutes on the computer and be completed in the morning. Testing is broken up by teacher. March 9th - Rafferty, March 10th - McAnallen, March 11th - Colella, March 12th-Sheik, and March 13th is a makeup test day.
- We currently have 665 students in the school

Committee Chair Reports:

- **Membership** - currently 346 members.
- **After School Activities** - We have a new drama/theatre class being added for the spring session on Tuesdays from 4-5. Please see the PTA Website for more details or information
- **Movie Night** - Next movie night is March 20th. Movie TBA.
- **School Kits** - Mrs. Almeida has contacted the teachers for their desired school supplies for next year. Once Jen Hoyle has the final lists, she'll work with EPI on price quotes. The goal is to have the website up and running soon after Spring Break! More details in the coming months.

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

February 16th - President's Day Holiday - No school

March 5th - PTA Meeting 7pm in Library

9th-10th - Ledo Pizza Spirit Nights

16th - Student Holiday - No School

20th - Movie Night

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm