

**HUNT VALLEY PTA
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15th, 2015**

Attendance: Julie Whitehouse, Jodie Langford, Rebecca Fernandes, Kelly Van Buskirk, David Fee, Maura Green, Jim McMahon, Kwane James, Andrew Clarke, Steve Lee, Erica Odum, Gary Odum, Robin Tersine, Malti Mozhi, T. Arul Mozhi, Kerry Lange, Ashley Echols, Sherri Chema, Denise Vanderbilt, Sara Bailey, Jenni Pak, Jen Puryear, Susan Lutz, Rose Fakhoury, Rita Salley, Catherine Luby, Jenny Cassidy, Weilum Lo, Meg Derner, Meredith Wilson (25)

**I apologize for any misspellings - Kelly Van Buskirk

Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from November 6th, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurers reports for November and December were approved as presented. Included in tonight's meeting was a Quick Report Budget.

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

- **Spirit Nights Recap - Ledo Pizza** - raised \$751, **Doodlehopper4Kids** – raised \$374, and **Yogo Factory** – is being determined. We will hold another spirit night at Ledo Pizza on March 9th & 10th. Another spirit night may be scheduled at Austin Grill.
- **Winter Festival/Book Fair Recap:** Both the festival and book fairs were great successes. We have heard great feedback about the festival, Fun Services, prizes, and having a winter book fair.
- **Hamilton Soar Donation Drive Recap:** We raised \$9,859 which surpassed our goal of \$8,300. Everyone, especially the kids, enjoyed watching Mr. Fee get duct taped to the wall in the library.
- **January Spirit Wear:** On sale now thru Jan. 29th at 11am. Information can be found on FB, KIT, and PTA Newsletter. There is a royal blue zip up fleece included in this sale.
- **Spring Festival Update:** We have 2 ideas/options for the spring - 1) Basket Bingo and/or raffle and 2) Pancake Dinner by Chris Cakes. This would take place on the last night of the book fair.
- **Library Mural:** Ms. Nichols and Mrs. Z have asked for help from the PTA to make a library mural on one of the walls in the library. This would be done on canvas so it can be taken down if needed. The canvas would be a teaching tool and will include all Washington DC monuments, Virginia State bird, tree, and flag. The cost for this project would be \$800 and would include all the supplies and a substitute for Mrs. Z. Before voting to approve this request, the administration will email all staff to see if any other “wish list” items are desired. Once all options are presented, membership will vote on how to spend the Spirit Night funds.

Faculty Report:

- **Mr. Fee** and **Ms. Green** spoke about the calendar and wants to remind everyone of the upcoming MLK Jr. Holiday on Monday, Jan. 19th. There is also a 2 hour early release on Thursday, Jan. 29th. There are teacher workdays on Friday, Jan. 30th and Monday, Feb. 3rd.
- Mrs. Alt: AAP families for grades 2-6 level 4 have until Feb. 3rd to submit the packet. If there are any questions please email Mrs. Alt - there will be a link in the KIT. There is an information meeting at Orange Hunt on Jan. 21st. at 6:30pm.
- Snow Days - Ms. Green did an excellent job last Tuesday managing the school during inclement weather. At this point in the school year we have 11 snow days left.
- Volunteering in the cafeteria – They are still in need of volunteers to assist in the cafeteria during student lunches. Contact Ms. Green if interested.
- We currently have 667 students and are full. School is closed unless you are in our boundary.

- There has been discussion for a possible start date of school before Labor Day in the next few years.

Committee Chair Reports:

- **Membership** – The PTA currently has 346 members. This is 33 up from last year.
- **After School Activities** - We have Bricks 4 Kidz on Weds, Zen Fit Kids on Fridays, and Chess on Thursdays. All are going well.
Chess will have a makeup session on Feb 5th from last snow day cancellation.
There might be a new class coming in the spring - Drama/theatre but will post once we know details.

Volunteers of the Month : The Board recognized all the volunteers who helped over the summer and beginning of the school year with Mrs. Chema to build the amazing Leveled Reading Library. There were 7 outstanding volunteers: Brenda Kodama, Malti Mohzi, Reba Davis, Erika Keil, Jenny Cassidy, Kerry Lange, and Robin Tersine. Thanks to all these ladies for the time they spent to help the kids of Hunt Valley!

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

January 19th- MLK Jr. Holiday - No school

29th - 2 hour early release

29th - Spirit Wear sale ends 11am

30th - Student Holiday - No school

February 2nd - Student Holiday - No school

5th - PTA Meeting 7pm in the Library

16th - President's Day Holiday - No school

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm