

**HUNT VALLEY PTA  
MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 4, 2015**

**Attendance:** Julie Whitehouse, Jodie Langford, Rebecca Fernandes, Kelly Van Buskirk, David Fee, Maura Green, Jenn McAnallen, Steve Lee, Jen Hoyle, Andrew Clark, Roseana Bess, Meghan Derner, Theresa Pedrotty, Brenda White (14)

\*\*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 May 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

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

**Volunteer of the Month:** Pat Almeida - We wanted to recognize her and thank her for all the amazing things she has done at this school. She is retiring and her last day is July 31st. Thanks so much! We will miss you.

**School Administrator and Faculty Report:**

- **Ms. Green:** SOL Testing is ending and now administering re-takes. There are about 70 tests to retake.
- **Mr. Fee:** June 19th is a 2 hour early release day
- September 8th is the first day of school for the Fall and calendar is published
- End of the year party will be on Weds at 4pm and then we wrap up June 21st
- Summer Sac will be starting on June 21st
- School is at capacity - expecting 680 kids with 99 Kindergartners

**Board Report:**

- **EPI School Kits** - Jen Hoyle wanted to tell everyone that her daughter Lindsey earned the Bronze Award Project! As of June 4th, already sold 122 kits and sale ends July 10th. We are in need of volunteers to help with delivery on/around August 19th and distribution is morning of open house. Kindergarten kit has play dough in it - EPI is currently looking for another option that is gluten free.
- **Children's Museum Family Science Night:** We did not get chosen but are still on the list as a backup
- **Open Positions for Committee Chairs** - We have positions open, please consider volunteering. Email Julie Whitehouse for more information. Open positions are: Assemblies chairperson, Movie Night chairperson, Hospitality chairperson, Winter Festival chairperson, Spring Family Night chairperson, and Staff Appreciation Week chairperson. Descriptions available on website.
- **2014-2015 Budget Review** - Classroom funds - K-6 \$300 per grade level and \$200 for gym, art, and music. (No funds currently for library or computer). Take Home Reading, Final Assembly, and the take out/carry over leaves us with around \$9,600 left.
  - **PBIS:** Quarterly pep rallies to support school spirit and enhance positive behavior. PBIS needs the PTA's help with paying for pom-poms and a mascot costume. Membership voted and approved buying pom-poms for around \$552.00 and a Hamilton the Hawk costume for \$291.25.
  - **STEM Lab** - Mr. Fee is excited to announce that we'll be starting a STEM Lab for the 2015-2016 school year at Hunt Valley, under the direction of Mrs. Alt. STEM is a student-centered, project-based interdisciplinary instructional model that integrates

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Ms. Alt is still in the process of developing a mission statement and a vision for the new lab. Mr. Fee explained that the school is still trying to figure out what grades to start with but want to get kids exposed to this to help enrich their education on programs, coding, robotics, and experiments. We will possibly reach out to companies and ask for donations. The STEM lab needs 2 Dash Dots which are around \$280 each and asked the PTA to help. Membership voted and approved buying 2 Dash Dots for the new lab. Be sure to check out Fair Oaks mall new STEM lab. More information about this to be coming soon.

- **Lunch Fund** - This is a account that the administration has money in for kids who cannot afford or forget their lunch. It also helps with field trips for families that cannot pay. We want to make sure there is enough money in there to keep this account open for future students if needed. The PTA membership voted and approved to donate \$500.00 to add in this account. We will make this account a budget line item next year.

#### **Committee Chair Reports:**

- **After School Programs:** Fall 2015 - Chess, Run Fit Kids, Bricks, Theatre. Will look into adding other sessions of theatre because it was sold out quick for spring. Looking into a STEM class for Mondays
- **Hospitality:** Last one for the year!

**School Board Gender Identity** - Steve Lee, member of the PTA and father, spoke about some of the information regarding this topic. He wanted to just raise awareness and encourage people who were not sure of this new topic or did not understand it to please review it on the Fairfax County School Board Website. He said the videos on May 7th and May 21st showed some discussion on the voting that approved this. He said the objectives are still up on the site for anyone to review. The Board will vote again on June 25th. There is still an "opt-out" option for parents to choose for Family Life Education.

#### **Upcoming Events and Reminders:**

##### ***June***

*10th* In School Assembly - Music Technology

*19th* Last day of school - 2 hour early release

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm