

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

Attendance: Julie Whitehouse, Jodie Langford, Rebecca Fernandes, Kelly Van Buskirk, David Fee, Maura Green, Rita Salley, Jim McMahon, Andrew Clarke, Catherine Luby, Marina Trad, Roseana Bess, Jennifer Puryear, Gary Odum, Erica Odum, Stacy Lohr (16)

**I apologize for any misspellings - Kelly Van Buskirk

Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from February 12th, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

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

Volunteer of the Month: Julie Kelly - She is no longer living here and has moved but we wanted to recognize her for all her hard work. Ms. Kelly is a great example of a working parent who has contributed to her child's classroom from her home.

School Administrator and Faculty Report:

- **Ms. Green:** Next week are Literacy Nights. On Wed. March 18th for grades 3-5 and on Thurs. March 19th for K-2. Sixth grade parents are able to access the information from home. The online program was designed by teachers who tried to answer the most common parent questions, such as, DRA and what else can we do at home for our children.
- Testing update: NNAT is still going on and the last class is tomorrow. Results will be mailed home in about a month to parents and a copy will be at the school.
- SOL: We are still finalizing the SOLs for grades 3-6 and it should be done soon after spring break. Testing is done second week of May - thru first week in June. The 3rd grade social studies and science sections were taken away, 5th grade has no writing section, and 6th grade no US History. These sections will be replaced with something else in the next 2 years.
- **Mr. Fee:** Trenches have be dug around the school to deal with the current mud issues. A Hunt Valley parent had called and complained about the situation at the school and someone from the county visited that day and fenced off parts of the mud. Their goal is to make sure the children are safe.
 - The county will replace the sidewalks, stairwells, and blacktop as well as address the areas of standing water. This work will commence during the summer months. They are also going to try and slope the land and possibly build a sidewalk to the track.
 - Last renovation was done in 1996 - usually 30 years between them.
 - Mulch will be replaced with wood chips and the county will replace the fence. There were more requests for more bike racks and the netting on the basketball hoop was replaced by the county.
- Anyone seen on the roof of the school can be arrested. If you see someone, please call 911.
- Quarter is over in 2 weeks.
- Snow days - official count is 10 - technically 11.5 with 2 hour delays. If we are to get one more snow day, we are able to put in a waiver to start before Labor Day for the 2016-2017 school year. This decision is made by the school board. Sept. 8 2015 is the first day of school this fall and June 23rd 2016 is the last day.
- **Kindergarten Orientation** for rising kindergartners: Thursday, April 16th. 2 hour early release day.

Nominating Committee

- Per our bylaws the nomination committee has 3 members:
 1. Andrew Clark
 2. Catherine Luby
 3. Stacy Lohr
- April and May Meetings they will present the slate of nominees
- The new board will start July 1, 2016
- Shadowing – If you are interested in learning more about what the board does please consider a shadowing position on the 2016-2017 PTA Executive Board. It will give you a chance to see what the position duties are.
- Visit the PTA website for detailed explanations on job descriptions for each position.
- We will be looking for a new movie chair, new book fair chair, and new assemblies chair.

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

- **Spirit Nights Recap - Ledo Pizza** - Thanks to everyone who came out. We should have the numbers in about 10-14 days.
- **EPI School Kits** - Jen Hoyle; we are waiting on a more detailed list of what teachers want. It should be on the website during or after spring break. A consensus was taken to charge the exact amount for the kits and not round up and keep change as a fundraising effort. Around 300 kits were sold last year.
- **Book Fair** - April 6-10. Set up on April 6th. Theme is Under the Sea - An Ocean of Books. A Sign-up Genius is coming soon for volunteers. On Friday, April 10th, we will need volunteers to help run and pack up the book fair.
- **Spring Family Pancake Dinner:** Chris Cakes is coming on Friday April 10th at 5:30 for a pancake dinner. The PTA will include an allergy disclaimer with the presale information. We will be sending home a form for a head count and there will be limited tickets at the door.; We will check for possible gluten free pancakes. Make sure to include preschooler so we can have separate plates for them.
- **Basket Raffle** - There will be several different themes and room parents should be sending information soon. You can buy raffle tickets presale and at the door.
- **Beautification on Grounds:** Jim McMahon is the chair; Lawn Enforcement has volunteered to help our school. A list was made of things we can do to help such as raking and weeding. A sign-up Genius will be coming soon. We will provide refreshments and ask volunteers to bring their own tools to use. Tentative date is April 25th, rain date April 26th starting at 9am. If needed, May 2nd and 3rd will be open if it rains all weekend.

Committee Chair Reports:

- **After School Activities** - Bricks will be doing another session from April 29th-June 10th
- **Movie Night** - March 20th Big Hero 6 6:30pm. Free popcorn!
- **Staff Appreciation** - Friday April 17th Lunch; Holiday for students.
- **Assemblies - April 30th:** Franklin Institute of Science - How to Build a Storm; **June 10th:** Music Technology with Brent Daniels.

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

March 16th - Student Holiday - No School

20th - Movie Night

30th - Spring Break Begins - No School

April 6th - Student Holiday - No School

The meeting adjourned at 8:14pm