

**HUNT VALLEY PTA
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 4th, 2014**

Attendance: Julie Whitehouse, Jodie Langford, Rebecca Fernandes, Kelly Van Buskirk, David Fee, Maura Green, Beth Massie, Jennifer Spans, Merry Woo, Terri Mason, Nader Abed, Linda McMahon, Pam Sorensen, Ashley Barbem, Karen Layser, Meredith Wilson, Jennifer Puryear, Maria Bittner, Rose Fakhoury, Chandi Lind, Renae Soule, Jenni Pak, Jennifer McAnallen, Andrew Clarke, Beth Paben, Amy Trevino, Jennifer Hood, Nancy Ali, Jill Fox, Roseana Bess, Leeann Turner, Jean Fransch, Kelly Stuck, Suzie Verner, Joe Babb, Theresa Pedrotty, Jenny Grider, Shannon MacNamara, Jennifer Lo, Weilum Lo, Jerilyn Anderson, Korie Gondeu, Monica Bachelor, Susan Lutz, Carrie Dennison, David O., Jane Antonio, Same Park, Scott Wilson, Steve Lee, Marina Trad, Katherine Iooss, Stephanie Curb, Meghan Derner, Jason Bridges

**I apologize for any misspellings - Kelly Van Buskirk

Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. The new 2014-2015 PTA Board introduced themselves: Julie Whitehouse - President, Jodie Langford - Vice President, Treasurer - Rebecca Fernandes, Kelly Van Buskirk - Secretary; Hunt Valley Principle Mr. David Fee and Vice Principle Ms. Maura Green also introduced themselves.

Committee Chairs: All were introduced, Andrew Clarke - Membership, Carrie Dennison - Website/Tech support, Jen Puryear - After School Programs, Meredith Wilson - Movie Nights, Renae Soule - Directory, Stephanie Curb - Hospitality, Meghan Derner - Staff Appreciation, Rose Fakhoury - SPAC - Special Parent Advisory Committee

Secretary's Report: Minutes from June, 2014 Meeting: The minutes dated June 3rd, 2014 were reviewed and approved as presented.

Treasurers Report: Becky Fernandes presented the Hunt Valley Elementary PTA Audit Report from June 30th 2014. It was reviewed and approved. The 2014-2015 PTA budget was reviewed and the current budget deficit was discussed. With a unanimous vote, the motion to add a fundraising line to the budget in the amount of the deficit was approved. The proposed banking change from Wells Fargo to BB&T was reviewed and approved as presented.

Board Report:

- **Fundraising:** There will no Boosterthon this year or next year. The PTA is looking for other ideas to raise money and took a vote to do a Donation Drive. The PTA is also going to have Spirit Nights on October 20-21 at Ledo Pizza in Springfield. More information to come.
- **Pyramid Run** - Jodie Langford gave information on a free event for the kids. It takes place on Saturday October 18th and involves other elementary schools in the area. Each participant is asked to provide canned food donations.
- **Giant and Safeway:** Please register your Giant and/or Safeway cards to Hunt Valley. Registration starts September 15th. Please have your actual card number - not phone number.
- **Amazon-** Use the Amazon link directly from the PTA website in order for us to receive credit for each transaction

Committee Chair Reports:

- **Membership** - currently 117 members and counting.
- **After School Activities** - Here are the four programs we are offering this fall:
 1. Tuesdays - Learn Now Music Group 4:00- 5:00 PM October 7 – December 16
 2. Wednesday - Bricks 4 Kidz – Energy is Everywhere 4:00 – 5:00 PM October 1 - November 5

3. Thursdays - Silver Knights Chess 4:00 – 5:00 PM October 2 – January 22
4. Fridays - RunFit Kidz 3:45 - 5:00 PM September 26 – November 14
 - **Volunteers** - We need volunteers for the Winter Festival. If you have signed the sign up sheet already or are interested in volunteering, please contact Jodie Langford on the PTA website.
 - **Room Parent Coordinator** - All online this year. We had computers at the Open House and had 110 people already sign up. Reminder that the teachers pick the room parent and not the PTA. Room parent meeting TBA
 - **School Supply Kits** - Jennifer Hoyle did another amazing job with the school kits this year and we had over 200 kits ordered. If you or someone you know had a problem with their kit or something was missing, please contact Julie Whitehouse. Also Jen is looking to find a replacement and will train you! Please contact her for more information. Most work is done over the summer a few weeks before school.
 - **Spirit Wear** - Please order your spirit wear by September 26th at 11am. Items will be delivered to your child's classroom by mid October. PTA Hamilton the Hawk magnets are on sale now for only \$5. Look for them again on back to school night!
 - **Hospitality** - Stephanie Curb - please volunteer to contribute baked goods the first Friday of each month to celebrate teacher and staff members' birthdays. A Sign-up Genius will be available for anyone interested and able to help out. Our first one is Friday October 3rd.
 - **Book Fair** - Robin Jones - The Book Fair will be held the week of December 2nd. (Dec. 1st is the set up and teacher preview). The theme this year is "Sir Readsalot Castle". We will also have a Book Fair in April of 2015
 - **Winter Festival** - We need volunteers. Please contact Jodie Langford for more information. This festival will be Friday December 5th.
 - **Family Movie Night** - Meredith Wilson - We have our first family movie night on Friday October 3rd - Lego Movie.

Faculty Report:

- Mr. Fee reminded parents of the upcoming Back to School Nights: 9/10/14 Grades 4-6: 6:00-6:50 6th Grade, 7:00-7:50 5th Grade, 8:00-8:50 4th Grade AND 9/18/14 Grades K-3: 5:00-5:50 3rd Grade, 6:00-6:50 4th Grade, 7:00-7:50pm 1st Grade, and 8:00-8:50pm Kindergarten.
- Full Day Mondays new this year ; 8:50-9:00am is considered "Learning Time." We have 13 snow days this year and 2 hour early release on Halloween.
- Field Day will be held on Friday October 24th for Grades 1-6. Kindergarten will have theirs in the Spring.
- Kiss and Ride lines opens at 8:45am
- Please read KIT (Keep in Touch) but do not reply to email. Please email Mr. Fee at dmfee@fcps.edu
- Mr. Fee and Ms. Green advised everyone to take a look at the Fairfax County calendar for the most up to date information on school holidays and early releases.

Upcoming Events:

Julie Whitehouse shared important school events that are taking place in September and provided a calendar of events handout. Next meeting is on October 2nd at 7pm in the Library.

- The meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.