

**HUNT VALLEY PTA  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 3rd, 2016**

**Attendance:** Julie Whitehouse, Rebecca Fernandes, Kelly Van Buskirk, Maura Green, Theresa Pedrotty, Ashley Echols, Joyce Darden, Jim McMahon, Jean Fransch, Amy Barnes, Brenda White, Kwame James, Heather Morris, Kim Garlington, Jenn McAnallen, Courtney Alt, Jane Grady, Matt Grady, Stephanie Curb, Marina Trad, Steve Lee (21) \*\*I apologize for any misspellings - Kelly Van Buskirk

**Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Jodie Langford (Vice President) is out of town for this meeting.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from February 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer Report from February 2016 was approved as presented. Audit was done before the meeting and everything is correct.

**Communication from the Board:**

- **Nomination Committee:** UPDATE on nominations: 1) **Theresa Pedrotty** for Treasurer, 2) **Stephanie Curb** for President or Secretary and 3) **Alice Link** for Vice President. There is still time to nominate yourself or someone else! We still need a Secretary! All the nominees will be announced at the April Meeting and voting will be done during the May Meeting.
- **Hospitality:** Amy Barnes said we have 10 people signed up and can use 2 more for this Friday, March 4th!

**Committee Chair Reports:**

- **EPI Kits:** Brenda White has a meeting tomorrow with EPI. She will be trying to finalize the items and pricing for the kits before the Kindergarten Orientation on April 21st. The biggest complaints about this current years kits were the headphones and ear buds. They quality was poor and most of them broke within the first couple times of use. EPI has been made aware of this situation and will go with higher quality items for next year's kits. They had sent Mr. Lemmerman a set of 25 replacements to use for students if their current ones broke. The cost of the kit could go up because of higher quality items but it will be negotiated. Once information is available we will let everyone know.
- **Beautification Day:** Jim McMahon will be getting the mulch/soil order to Mr. Fee in the next few weeks. He is also starting the volunteer list for WSHS and Irving as well as a Sign Up Genius to send out sometime in April. He is also working on the order for Burke Nursery. He proposed to plant two Crape Myrtle Trees for symmetry purposes by the playground and membership was okay it. He said he should still be on or under budget for this event. More information to come next meeting.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week:** Ashley Echols is in charge of this event and is looking for volunteers. Her email is [Ashley.W.Echols@gmail.com](mailto:Ashley.W.Echols@gmail.com). The luncheon will be held on April 22nd - teacher workday. The theme is Dr. Seuss.
- **HVES Special Education Parent Group:** The first meeting of this group will be held **Thursday, April 28th from 2:30-3:30 pm** in the cafeteria. During this initial meeting, we plan to explore how this group will function including ways in which parents can support one another and ways to further support our students. Please contact Catherine Luby for questions.
- **Spring Family Night/Book Fair:** Book Fair week is April 11th-15th. Delivery of Scholastic will be done on Friday, April 7th. Alice Link has spoken to Scholastic and is hoping to get current copies of books as opposed to the ones featured at the Fall Book Fair selection. Please be on the lookout for a Sign Up Genius to volunteer for the Book Fair!

- **After School Programs:** Zen Fit Kids did not have enough kids to sign up; Run Fit Kidz registration is now open and is now available to first graders. Please see the link on the PTA website to email Corky directly about registering your first grader.
- Hip Hop Class- Feedback on the Tuesday after school program is teachers are different every week but most of the kids enjoy it. Please let us know if there are any other classes you would like to see offered and we will do our best to try and find it.
- Play-Well TEKnologies - K-3 (15 kids) Positive feedback from the kids but parents suggested asking the instructor to see if it is possible to have another instructor or an aide to help assist the class if it is offered again. Mrs. Berry will be attending the next class to help offer suggestions in problem solving tactics.
- **Spirit Nights:** We are still waiting on the numbers for Austin Grill but we want to thank everyone that was able to come out and support us! Stay tuned for our next Spirit Nights!

#### **Volunteer of the Month:**

- **Jenn McAnallen:** Jenn is a First Grade Teacher at Hunt Valley and has never missed a PTA Meeting! She is always here to volunteer or offer help when needed. We are so lucky to have her support and thank her for all that she does for her students and the school. Thanks so much Mrs. McAnallen!

#### **School Administrator and Faculty Report:** Mr. Fee was not able to attend this meeting.

- **Ms. Green:** NNAT starts on Monday for First Graders. Mrs. Raffery will start Monday.
- **March 28th - Student Holiday** so please do not bring your children to school that day! It is the Monday after spring break.
- Want to thank Mrs. Alt and Mrs. McAnallen for being here!
- **Kindergarten Orientation** will be held on **Thursday, April 21st at 2:15pm**. That is an early release day because it is the end of the 3rd Quarter. Children will get to meet the teachers and take a bus ride.
- **Kiss and Ride** - We are working on a possible change to the structure of kiss and ride but it needs to be approved. Any information will be told once the administration knows.
- **Elizabeth Schultz** will have Community Hours on Saturday, March 5th from 10-12 at the WS Government Center. She will be answering questions you have and no appointment is needed.

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

##### ***March***

<i>4th</i>	100 Days of School
<i>21st</i>	Spring Break Begins
<i>28th</i>	Student Holiday - No School
<i>29th</i>	Students return to school

##### ***April***

<i>7th</i>	PTA Meeting - 7pm in the School Library
<i>11th</i>	Scholastic Book Fair Begins
<i>15th</i>	Scholastic Book Fair Ends
<i>15th</i>	Spring Family Night and Basket Raffle
<i>21st</i>	3rd Grade Period Ends - 2 hour early release
<i>21st</i>	New Kindergarten Orientation -2:15 Cafeteria
<i>22nd</i>	Student Holiday - No School
<i>22nd</i>	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm