

**HUNT VALLEY PTA  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015**

**Attendance:** Julie Whitehouse, Jodie Langford, Rebecca Fernandes, Kelly Van Buskirk, David Fee, Maura Green,

\*\*I apologize for any misspellings - Kelly Van Buskirk

**Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

**Introductions:** Committee Chair Members- Jen Puryear - After School Activities, Alice Link - Book Fair, Heather Morris - Winter Festival, Amy Barnes - Hospitality, Rose Farkhoury - Student Parent Advisory Committee, Theresa Pedrotty - EPI Kits and Shadowing Treasurer, Stephanie Curb - Communications and Shadowing Secretary, Jim McMahon - Beautification, and Barbara Mistrod - Movie Night

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from June 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

**Treasurers Report:**

- The Audit was approved as presented, Treasurer's report for June 2015, July 2015, and August 2015 were approved as presented, , and the 2015 Budget was approved as presented.

*There are a few added line items and changes to the budget from last year:*

- Benevolence Fund - The PTA has donated \$500 to this fund. This is a account has money in for kids who cannot afford or forget their lunch. It also helps with field trips for families that cannot pay.
- STEAM Lab - The PTA donated \$2,000 to the new STEAM Lab lead by Mrs. Alt. To get this up and running she needs lots of donations and supplies. A list was sent home with students of younger grades of items requested. It will be put up on Hunt Valley's main page
- Orff Instruments - The PTA split the cost with the school and donated \$2,000 for new Orff instruments for Ms. Simpson.
- Beautification Day - We now have a line item and budget for this event headed by Jim McMahon
- E-Script from Safeway has ended their program for education

**PTA Bylaws:** Presented by Jodie Langford, PTA Vice President

- Every 5 years the bylaws need to be revised and updated
- National PTA made some changes and therefore we needed to make some changes to our bylaws
- # sign means that an item cannot change or be deleted
- National PTA dues went up to \$1.50 per member, \$2.25 goes to National PTA, and \$0.25 goes to Fairfax County
- Secretary is now a #ed position and is required whereas before it was not. The Secretary now has #ed jobs
- Treasurer now has #ed jobs
- Local Chairman positions are for 1 year but can stay in that job for up to 4 years.
- Bylaws need to be voted on in February 2016 and sent out by March 1st 2016.
- Standing Rules have also been added and can change yearly if necessary by the PTA Board
- Bylaws and Standing Rules will be posted on the PTA website for everyone to review.

**Pyramid Run:**

- Saturday, October 17th at Irving Middle School at 10am-K-3 runs a 1/2 mile and 4-6 runs 1 mile

- Registration is free but each registered participant is asked to bring 4 canned food donations to benefit Food for Others
- Pre registration is required and each participant gets a free t shirt - DEADLINE is Oct. 4th
- Volunteers are needed
- This information will be posted on the PTA website and be in Mr. Fee's KIT message

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

- **Membership:** As of 9/16/15 there are 264 members
- **After School Programs:** Fall 2015 - 5 After School Programs -Monday C3 Cyber Club is FULL, Tuesday Childrens Theatre, Wednesday Bricks 4 Kidz - A parent volunteer is still needed from 3:55-4:15pm, Thursday Chess, and Friday Run Fit Kids which is now FULL.
- **Directory:** We have an Opt out option and the form is also online. If you decided to opt out- we need your child's name, grade, teacher, and parent signature
- **Winter Festival:** Week of December 7th-11th. We need volunteers to help organize this event! New this year ~ we will be getting 3-4 food trucks instead of a pre ordered dinner!
- **Assemblies:** 9/21 - Jedlie "We Choose Respect", 2/24/16 the US Navy Commodores will do a jazz ensemble, and in April we will have the Franklin Institute of Science present a show on "Hot and Cold." The Navy show is free of charge so the PTA has decided to provide them with lunch the day of the show.
- **Volunteer Coordinator:** If anyone had signed up to be a volunteer, you should have been contacted by Jodie Langford. If not please send her an email. We can always use volunteers!
- **Special Ed Liaison:** We are looking for someone who has knowledge in this area to be a contact for new parents who have questions or concerns.

#### **Spirit Wear:**

- Deadline to order is October 1st at 11am! We have no inventory left so please order online!

#### **Fundraising:**

- Last year we did a Direct Donation and it was a huge success
- Currently we need to raise \$7,971.13
- Membership voted and approved to do another Direct Donation again this year
- Trinket will be given for every donation - no matter the \$ amount
- Giant cards can be added as of today, Amazon link on PTA website, and Target Redcard

#### **School Administrator and Faculty Report:**

- **Mr. Fee:** New bell schedule has been in place for 2 weeks and buses are improving.
- Arrival time is 8:55 and students can go to the cafeteria until the bell rings at 9am
- Look in the KIT for a link to a budget video and provide feedback
- Currently have 675 students
- Lisa Dumond had asked for anyone willing to donate an old or new microwave for the staff

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

##### ***September***

- 21st* In School Assembly - We Choose Respect
- 24th* Picture Day!
- 24th* Room Parent Meeting 7pm in Library

##### ***October***

- 1st* Online Spirit Wear Sale Ends
- 8th* PTA Meeting - 7pm in the Library
- 9th* Student Holiday - No School
- 12th* Columbus Day Holiday - No School

The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm

