

## **HUNT VALLEY PTA**

### **Meeting Minutes from September 7, 2017 Meeting**

**Attendance:** Christy Whiteaker, Katherine Copeland, Aradhra Mathur, Tracy Montenegro, Michelle Russell, Lauren Rhodes, Sarah Carey, Eve Brison, Diane Croce, Caren Hergenroeder, David Fee, Maura Donahue, Ruby Len, Kevin Tann, Marina Trad, Sarah Koeppel, Cherry Chen, Catherine Luby, Jamie Johnson, Jodie Jacobs, Kerri Lord, Hilary Parry, Mali Yilua, Katie Matis, Andrew Clarke, Susan Lutz, Stephanie Curb, Alice Link, Amy Barnes (29) \*\*\*I apologize for any misspellings\*\*\*

**Welcome:** The meeting was called to order 7:07pm

#### Board Introductions

Explained we will need a new board next year, as we all will have served the 2 year term. Those interested can shadow us and email us with any questions.

Questions Asked – 1) What are the teacher training fees for? Answer: We help fund any training the teachers may need – PTA pays a flat amount to the school.

2) Why such a late bell schedule? Answer: The Transportation & Facilities Dept. decides this – has to do with the fact we share buses with other schools.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from June 2017 meeting were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report approved by Catherine Luby & Susan Lutz..

There are no large purchases this year to be made. What the school would like is the classroom level books. We purchased a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade set because an additional 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class was added this year. The teachers would like new dye cuts – what they have currently are really old and if money is available they have given us a list.

Questions on what the different line items are on the budget. Would be nice to have a definition of them. We answered the following:

Benevolence Fund – helps if a child is unable to pay for a field trip

Buddy Program – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders “buddy” up w/autism students – the funds are for toys, supplies, games, etc... use these items to interact w/one another.

Take Home Reading – aka “Chema” reading – additional books to help kids who need additional help w/reading.

#### PTA Budget & Treasurer's Report for 2017/2018

- We increased the Classroom Fund Request because additional classes are being included
- Movie License – increase this line item because it goes up each year a little
- Directories – price went down because now it will be on line
- PTA Training & Conference – we weren't able to go so there is money there

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

- **Volunteer of the Month:** Brenda White for doing the EPI kits
- **Winter Festival:** Still **NEED** a chairperson or persons for this – will use the same vendor and will offer allergy friendly food – no food trucks this year.
- **After School Activities:** Marina Trad – chess will be year round, possible acting class this winter.

#### **Communication from the Board:**

- Committee Chair Vacancies – Assemblies, Book Fair, Winter Festival, Family Movie Night
- Communication Chair will be filled by Catherine Luby – thank you

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

##### **Mr. Fee:**

- Still fighting for earlier bell schedule
- Per Mr. Fee, the county wants a set of books for each student in classrooms, but won't give us money for this – school would need to fund raise - PTA will help with this.
- New Superintendent – Mr. Fee knows him and said is a good guy
- If we grow with more students, we may increase the classes per grade – have some available rooms
- We are over capacity now by 60 students, so we are unable to accept more students not living in school area just because we are a good school
- VDOT says we can't get a "no – left turn" sign in front of the school
- Looking at sending out a list of the do's and don'ts of parking/dropping off kids, etc...
- Renovation of playground – we are still on the list, a little higher up now
- Butterfly Garden – PLEASE don't pick the flowers
- Tarp for over the playground for sun protections – not sure of any regulations, need to check to see if PTA could buy one and have County install it

##### **Mrs. Donahue:**

- SOLS still going on - approximately 1700 tests given

Cupcakes and bubbles given to the board to mark 1 year anniversary from Mr. Fee and Mrs. Donahue

\*\*\*Please send in your box tops to Ms. Lilly to help out the SCA\*\*\*

The meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.