

PTA Board Meeting Agenda (Virtual)
Tuesday, April 13, 2021
Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm

**Please note: In accordance with MDPTA bylaws (Article VI, section 5), general meetings are now permitted to be held electronically. This information has been confirmed by the Baltimore County Council, Maryland PTA, and National PTA. In addition, general membership will continue to be updated via newsletter, push notifications, social media, etc.*

I. Welcome (Jennifer Dickerson) Present: Jenn Dickerson, Alex Castillo, Melinda Stankowski, Corinne Roth, Meredith Heyl, Rebecca Franklin, Shannon Hershfield, Meaghan Taylor, Cassie Jackson, Sapna Prasad, Cathryn Olsen, Kelly Campbell, Brandi Cunningham, Natalie Walker, Erin MacDougall, Meredith Alvarez, Magan Chyko

II. 2021-2022 Sparks PTA Board Election (Corinne Roth)

- A. Voting on PTA slate of officers for 2021-2022 school year: Yays: 15, Nays: 0.
Slate of officers is approved.

III. School Updates (Ms. Chyko & Ms. Alvarez)

- A. Internet issues- have been better the last few days. No updates from BCPS.
- B. Device swaps for HP devices to chromebooks to happen next week. Encourage students to use their chromebooks at home. If you are currently using a home device and would like a chromebook, contact Mrs. Alvarez at malvarez@bcps.org.
- C. 5th Grade Farewell info will be coming from BCPS soon. Committee can start to meet.
- D. Last day of school will be 6/22. 6/21 and 6/22 will be half days. Last full day is Friday 6/18.
- E. It is registration time for new Sparks students. Contact cbarton@bcps.org if you have a new student to register. Notify your neighbors about registering ASAP as the number of students enrolled affects staffing for next year and Sparks could lose teaching staff.

IV. Financial Information (Kerri Brozene & Sapna Prasad)

- A. Treasurer (Kerri)
 - a. Expenditures this month were \$753.77 and included teacher discretionary funds, and hospitality funds.
 - b. Income this month included \$398.50 from a donation matching from TRowePrice, \$328 from Direct Donation and Reopening funds, and \$212.47 from Coal Fire Spirit Night.
 - c. Membership- Membership cards are distributed through the MDPTA. Therefore, parents/teachers can still join the PTA, but cards cannot be issued at this time.
- B. Financial Secretary (Sapna)- Taxes have officially been filed.

V. Maryland PTA/National/PTA Updates (Jennifer Dickerson)- The NPTA has dissolved the MDPTA and will be creating a new MD PTA under a new name. This should not have any significant impact on our day-to-day operations. Our Insurance will not be affected. We will update as we get new information.

VI. Board & Committee Updates

- A. 1st VP Updates (Corinne Roth)
 - a. Chipotle Spirit Night- Raised \$233.05
 - b. For May, will research having a Spirit Night at Rita's versus one or two nights at the Hereford Snowball Stand. Corinne to follow up.
- B. 2nd VP Updates (Meredith Heyl) - No updates
- C. 5th Grade Farewell (Alex Castillo)- Will schedule a first meeting based on information given from Principal Chyko.
- D. Hospitality Updates (Kerri Brozene)
 - a. Lucky Duck activity was really well received by the teachers and staff. Teachers/staff all picked a duck, with a number on the bottom, and a winning number is drawn every other week. Teachers are being given gift cards from their wish list.
 - b. Teacher Appreciation Week
 - i. Ordering box lunches for teachers from Brookside (Four Corners). Heidi Mindel will be helping with this. Thank you, Heidi!
 - ii. Cathryn Olsen presented an idea to make photo memory books for teachers from Snapfish or similar company. Would involve a parent from each class coordinating getting pictures from the students and then compiling the album. Cathryn to follow up with Principal Chyko

further about this idea. Most classrooms do not currently have a room parent per teacher preference/need.

- E. Corresponding Secretary Updates (Melinda Stankowski)- Please keep checking the Sparks ES Fb page!!!

VII. Questions/New Business/Miscellaneous

- A. June PTA Meeting Vote (Jennifer Dickerson)- Vote on holding a meeting in June as we do not typically meet in June. Yays: 10, Nays: 0. Will hold a PTA meeting on June 8 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.
- B. PTA opportunities at HMS (Melinda Stankowski, HMS PTA President)- The HMS PTA is looking for volunteers for their Board and Committees for next year.
 - a. Committee Opportunities include Hospitality, Spirit Wear, Reflections program, Direct Donation Chair, and Scholarship committee.
 - b. HMS Direct Donation funds Teacher Luncheons for Back-To-School/Holiday and Teacher Appreciation Week, Bus driver treats, Monies for clubs and school departments, Building and grounds improvement, American Ed Week, Cookies and Snowballs for students, and much more.
 - c. Please contact Melinda Stankowski at herefordmspta@gmail.com to find out more or to volunteer!

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.