

**PTA Board Meeting Agenda (Virtual)**  
**Tuesday, March 9, 2021**  
**Meeting called to order at 7:08 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: Present:** Jennifer Dickerson, Alex Castillo, Corinne Roth, Melinda Stankowski, Sapna Prasad, Meredith Heyl, Principal Chyko. Many members of the Sparks ES family community were also present.

**II. School Updates** (Ms. Chyko & Ms. Alvarez):

- A. Opening: Going well. Teachers have been getting countywide recognition for their teaching in the hybrid/virtual model. Great job Sparks teachers!
- B. K-2 will resume full day starting Monday 3/16, dismissal will be at 3:30 pm
- C. Air purifiers: Sparks has 10 air purifiers that were purchased with the grant from the County Executive. One is being kept in each Specials room as all students pass thru these rooms (Art, Music, Library, PE and CSI). The other five are rotated thru classrooms with them being in some classrooms in the morning and then moved to different rooms for the afternoon. They are being rotated at night so that different classrooms get over night time weekly.
- D. **Sparks Reopening Fund** : Fund link shared during meeting. Principal Chyko would like to be able to purchase more air purifiers. Go to [www.sparkspta.org](http://www.sparkspta.org) for donation info.

### **III. Financial Information, (Kerri Brozene & Sapna Prasad)**

- A. Treasurer: Vote of board and PTA members re: adding Battle of the Book to the 2020-2021 budget. Motion was approved by all in attendance. \$515.16 to be added to budget for this program.

### **IV. Board & Committee Updates**

- a. 1st VP Updates (Corinne Roth):
  - 1. CoalFire Spirit Night raised \$212.47.
  - 2. Chipotle Spirit Night scheduled for March 24. Chipotle donated 33% of all sales once \$150 is reached. 4 pm to 8 pm at Hunt Valley Town Center location.
- b. 2nd VP Updates (Meredith Heyl): No updates.
- c. 5th Grade Farewell (Alex Castillo): No updates. Will follow up with 5th grade teachers. May do t-shirts through Bonfire so that families can order if they so choose instead of attempting to collect money and sizes.
- d. Hospitality Updates (Kerri Brozene)
  - 1. Snack bags were made for teachers first day back into the building
  - 2. Basket of Ducks- once all teachers have returned. Each teacher will choose a rubber duckie that has a number on the bottom. Drawings for prizes will be made. Kerri to coordinate.
  - 3. Teacher Appreciation Week: Will order box lunches for teachers. Graul's and Panera were some recommendations. Kerri to investigate.
- e. Scholarship Committee Updates (Kerri Brozene): Due to Covid, will have High School Guidance pick Scholarship winners this year so as to avoid having parent reviewers going into the High School to review.

### **V. Questions/New Business/Miscellaneous**

- a. PTA Bylaws Updates: Awaiting paperwork.

b. Sparks Reopening Fund: \$887.50 raised to date.

c. Library Book Donation: The PTA donated 18 books/biographies to the Sparks ES Library in honor of Black History Month.

d. PTA Reopening Gift: The PTA donated water bottles, masks, 5 hula hoops per classroom for rug spacing/recess.

E. Questions:

1. What PPE does the school currently have? Per principal Chyko, gallons of hand sanitizer, desk shields (5-6 per class), N95 masks and gowns for the school nurse, disposable children's masks for kids who forget a mask, face shield for kids and adults if needed, clear-mouth masks for teachers who need them. Free standing hand sanitizer stations coming soon. Water coolers coming as students cannot use fountains.
2. Will the school allow visitors/room parents? No visitors are currently allowed in the school.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm