

PTA Meeting NOTES : December 3, 2019

Attendance: Approximately 50 people

Guest Speaker

1. Welcome - Paul Carlson
 - a. Meeting started at 7:05
2. Laura Stewart, MCCPTA Vice President of Advocacy - Boundary Assessment updates
 - a. Last done in the 1990's - county has significantly changed since then
 - b. Why now? Not keeping up with the capacity. Still have as many portables as we did back then, even though we keep expanding schools and building more schools.
 - c. Looking at adjacent boundaries to be fiscally responsible and demographically fair
 - d. Company that won the bid will have community forums. Data will be shared and small table group discussions will happen. There will be a total of 11 community forums. 6 are currently on the schedule.
 - e. Timelines:
 - i. Laura will send links
 - ii. December - preliminary report
 - iii. Final product is due in the spring
 - f. MCCPTA stance prior for the assessment was to advocate for schools with overcrowding - now MCCPTA is not discussing boundaries. It is happening so there is no position to take right now.
 - g. Questions:
 - i. Where is the data coming from? Not sure - as at the community forum.
 - ii. How will this impact Olney ES - last year a speaker shared that we would just look at within the cluster? That was a cluster PTA representative and that's what the cluster would support. However, this MCPS Boundary Assessment does not take individual clusters into account - it is a whole MCPS assessment.
 1. Are the two discussions going on simultaneously or does the MCPS assessment outweigh our cluster? Our cluster boundary realignment is not on any agenda and is not in any budget.
 - iii. Is there a timeline when MCPS would move forward on the recommendation? Nothing has been set - at least 2 years away.

PTA Business

1. Approval of 10/1/19 PTA Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve the 10/1/2019 minutes was made and approved with 2nd approval. (Pam Harp and Heidi Bordansky)
2. Updates - Paul Carlson

- a. Parking Updates
 - i. Goddard School and Backyard Naturalist AFTER 6:30
 - ii. Julia Brown School should be available at night
 - iii. PLEASE only park ON ONE SIDE for the street
- b. Directory - please try to encourage others to sign up. It's how we communicate.
- 3. Treasurer Updates - Francesco Paganini
 - a. Fundraiser amount will lag a bit because major fundraiser (Fun Run) was moved to the spring.
 - b. Box Top - we are aware the Box Top funds will decrease because of new methods (scan receipts into an app rather than collect physical cardboard on products)
 - c. Go through Amazon Smile to give extra money to our PTS
- 4. Committee Updates
 - a. Winter Carnival
 - i. Dance is on Friday
 - ii. Great response from teachers to help with carnival games
 - iii. Balloon artist and face painter will be there
 - iv. Volunteers still needed
 - b. Lego Club
 - i. Round 2 Grades 3-5 in spring
 - ii. March 10 - April 14
 - iii. Will be a lottery and will need volunteers
 - c. Chess clubs
 - i. Starts on Friday and will have 10 sessions
 - ii. About 45 students have signed up
 - iii. New record for girls to sign up ($\frac{1}{3}$ of those signed up)
 - d. Restaurant Nights
 - i. Green Turtle - \$193
 - ii. Panera - \$234
 - iii. California Tortilla - \$276
 - iv. Taco Bar - December 14
 - e. Holiday Treats
 - i. Thanks to everyone who made or donated pies!
 - ii. Holiday treats - December 17 - sign up to follow
 - f. Bookfair Follow-up
 - i. Sales down a little from last year
 - ii. \$4600 cash for school
 - iii. \$2500 in scholastic dollars
 - g. KinderGARDEN - will skip due to time but updates at future meetings
- 5. Staff Incentive Raffle - 13 Winners
 - a. Perper (x2), McKenna, Crane, Giurlando, Pettit, Demetrakis, McConaghy, Bunns, Adler, Toller, Gangloff, Walko

School Update

1. Principal's Update - Mrs. Carla Glawe, OES Principal, and Ms. Njeri Williams, OES Assistant Principal
 - a. Outdoor classroom has been cleared out with the help of local Boy Scouts
 - b. Leadership team is discussing testing - January starts another round of MAP testing but isn't required at every grade level.

Question & Comments

Upcoming Events

December 6 - Winter Carnival

December 6 - Chess Club begins

December 14 - Restaurant Night at Taco Bar

December 17 - Staff Appreciation Holiday Treats

January 31 - Bingo Night

February 4 - next PTA meeting

February 26 - Science Fair

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