

Wilson Wims Elementary School
Minutes of the PTA General Membership Meeting
September 6, 2016
12520 Blue Sky Dr., Clarksburg, MD 20871

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to order and PTA announcements -- Margie Clinton
2. Introduction of PTA Board and Committee Chairs -- Margie Clinton
3. PTA Treasurer's Report -- Su Bloye
4. Administrator's report -- Sean McGee
5. Q and A -- All

MEETING NOTES

Call to order and PTA announcements

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. Margie introduced all board members and committee chairs. She thanked all committee chairs and volunteers. She also provided information about the following upcoming events.

1. Spirit Night at Germantown Chipotle: 5-9 PM, September 19th.
2. Walk to School Day: October 5th
3. Parent Open House: October 10th
4. Family Fitness Day: October 29th
5. Grandparents' Day: November 24th
6. Scholastic Book Fair: November 24th/ November 28th - December 3rd

PTA Treasurer's Report

Su presented the budget (see page 2 of this minutes) for this school year.

A parent asked why the budget for student focus is higher compared to that in previous year. Su told that the PTA had limited fund when the school started in 2014 and we were trying to figure out what the budget for different activities should for the first 2 years. Now the PTA has established a reserve fund and we are able to allocate more funds for this year. The student number has also increased compared to last year.

Su made a motion to approve the budget. Prajwal seconded, all members were in favor. The budget approved.

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Wilson Wims Elementary School PTA, Inc. Proposed Budget for 2016-2017 Fiscal Year For General Membership Approval 09/06/2016			
	Final		
	Prior Year's Budget 2015-2016	Prior Year's Actual 2015-2016	Current Year's Budget 2016-2017
Beginning Balance	29,175.10	29,175.10	46,257.59
Income			
Total 1 — Operating Income	6,236.10	5,502.41	5,100.00
Member Dues, Refund of Bank Fees			
Total 2 — Donations	2,700.00	3,384.75	850.00
Corporate and Personal			
Total 3 — Store Loyalty Programs	6,570.00	6,368.65	7,170.00
Harris Teeter, Amazon Smile, Box Tops, eScrip			
Total 4 — Fundraising Income	54,800.00	39,720.91	50,800.00
Book Fair, Spirit Nights, Spirit Wear, Spring Carnival, Sponsorships			
Total 5 — Student Focus Income	5,200.00	22,499.45	16,567.00
Make-N-Take Registration, Variety Show Ticket Sales, Yearbook Sales			
Total Income	75,506.10	77,476.17	80,487.00
Expenses			
Total 11 — Operating Expenses	12,050.00	7,270.98	11,185.00
National/State/County PTA Dues, Bank Fees, Insurance, Supplies, Website			
Total 33 — Store Loyalty Programs Expense	150.00	59.93	275.00
Incentives for participation in programs			
Total 44 — Fundraising Expenses	29,200.00	20,934.48	25,250.00
Order/rent materials (Books for Book Fair, T-shirts for Back-to-school sales, Dunk tank for Spring Carnival, etc)			
Total 55 — Student Focus Expenses	27,974.12	24,777.90	31,075.00
Assemblies, Int'l Night, Make-N-Take supplies, Spelling Bee, STEM Expo, Variety Show, Yearbook, etc			
Total 66 — Staff Focus	8,200.00	6,968.18	9,100.00
Staff Appreciation			
Total 77 — Community Outreach	900.00	382.21	850.00
Supporting Local Non-Profits, School Beautification			
99 — Operating Cushion	7,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
To pay for expenses incurred before fundraisers start			
Total Expense	85,974.12	60,393.68	80,235.00
Net Income	-10,468.02	17,082.49	252.00
Ending Balance	18,707.08	46,257.59	46,509.59

Administrator's report

1. Mr. McGee mentioned that dismissal for the first week has been a challenge. Kindergartener are becoming more independent; however after they are back from weekend, they still need some help to get back to where they were before the weekend.
2. Mrs. Lisa Henry is currently working at the school. Mr. McGee will be going to be in Gibbs ES from Jan 3rd to Feb 17th and the principle intern at Gibbs ES will be coming to Wims ES. After that period, Mr. McGee will be back to Wims ES. Gibbs ES building is identical to our school building.
3. The parents should take the child abuse and neglect training available online (<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/childabuseandneglect/reportingchildabuse/index.html>) prior to volunteering at school. After the training is completed, parents should receive a training completion email. Parents should send that email to Mrs. McAlister.
4. Parents are requested to sign up for Parent teacher conferences.
5. The school door closes at 9:00 AM.
6. School has started a way to help kids interact/make friends by using buddy bench.
7. After School Club schedules are coming out soon. There will be a lot of offerings and room reservations are being done. Email will come out in about two weeks.

Q and A

Parents asked questions and Mr. McGee responded in this session of the meeting. This is a summary of the Q and A session:

1. Principal's email will come out every Friday, typically around 5:30 PM. Principal will also send monthly newsletter.
2. Wims has ranked at #15 within the county based on testing MapC and MapP. This is great academic achievement. This is not due to that fact that we have a new school and technology but it is due to the school's teaching philosophy facility.
3. The class size is not growing; it is capped at max 30 and minimum 22.
4. Currently there are 1108 students enrolled at Wims and Little Bennett has 650 students. A parent recommended that the county should do a boundary study to address the disparity in number of students in elementary schools located nearby. A parent mentioned that there are empty rooms in Little Bennett ES.
5. BOE of Montgomery County has put out a statement against the governor's decision to start schools after Labor Day.
6. The school implements small group teaching within a class based on students' performance. MCPS has a teaching philosophy that encourages small group teaching but it is the school that implements this.

NEXT PTA MEETING: November 29, 2016

If you have any comments, addition or deletion in the minutes, please contact the recording secretary ptasec2.wwes@gmail.com.

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