**PTA Minutes**

**November 11, 2013**

**6:30pm-7:55pm**

President’s Report:

\*Pikesville-Greenspring Community Coalition meeting <http://www.pgccinc.org/>

Tanzi attended this meeting last week. There were principals, vice principals and parents in attendance. Pikesville High is about to have a huge renovation (this is a 2 year plan), Common Core Standards were discussed and STEM Standards were discussed too. It was shared that eventually the goal is that all of these standards will be integrated; there is a great deal of information posted on the BCPS website.

Below is the MSDE website for more information:

<http://mdk12.org/instruction/academies/MarylandStateSTEMStandardsofPractice_.pdf>

\*Peachjar- New eflyer service, idea is to send one paper flyer per event and then use Peachjar as a resource, send the form to Tanzi (in PDF form) and she will upload the flyer for you

If you’re looking for a specific flyer, this is an excellent resource.

\*Check FGES PTA website if you have a question regarding any events.

\*Kate Lepley one of our school counselors shared information from her Cyber Safety Presentation that she participated in last week.

<http://www.onguardonline.gov/sites/default/files/articles/pdf/pdf-0001.pdf>

Vice President’s Report

\*Ayme has been assisting with membership.

Treasurer’s Report:

For the month of October:

Membership: $1,605

Total Income: $3,210.38

Total expenses: $5,011

Net income: $$1,801.20

Principal’s/Vice-Principal’s Report:

\*Mrs. Harris shared that Common Core is not a curriculum. It is standards that all children are expected to master by the end of a particular grade in order to be career ready.

\*Counties and states have written curriculum to meet these standards.

\*Mrs. Harris distributed some handouts regarding Common Core.

\*New language arts materials will be delivered in the next couple of weeks to schools in the county. These materials will be implemented in December for Unit 3 of reading/language arts. The new materials purchased are from the company McGraw Hill.

\*Weekly updates from the Office of Language Arts are being sent to teachers.

\*MAP Scores may be shared at parent/teacher conferences.

\*The Office of Transportation has been contacted multiple times regarding “purple” bus concerns.

\*Air conditioning project for Fort Garrison is scheduled to begin in April.

Event Chairs Report:

\*Box Tops – Lisa Strouse

Mrs. Strohman’s class won the ice cream party, the second contest is running until December 15th; 6,500 Boxtops were just sent in to the collection center, “baggies” of 50 are encouraged.

Boxtops bags were sent home in Thursday Folders to help increase Boxtop submissions.

\*Halloween Monster Bash with Trunk-or-Treat - Irina Goldsmith, Robin Holt

There were many cars participating in the Trunk-or-Treat; thank you to everyone who participated.

\*Square One Art by Kids- Sherri Flaks

54.7% participation from parents, over $3,000 in proceeds were earned, it was discussed that this is a fantastic fundraiser but it may lose its effect if it’s implemented every year. Help will be needed from volunteers for distribution (the week of Thanksgiving). A big thank you to Ms. Deckelbaum for assisting with this fundraiser.

\*Go Girls Go – Run will be in December

\*FORT Gives Back -Troy & Jill Dannenfelser, Laurie Engelhardt

Coats and hoodies were delivered to Hannah Moore and House of Ruth, the spring activity will involve students more directly in giving back to the community

 \*Membership - Suzy Heyman, Ayme Lederman Over $11,000 has been collected in membership dues this school year. Please contact membership leaders if you did not receive a magnet or your check wasn’t cashed.

\*Spirit Day & Sale– Lisi Nigrin

Slightly over $810 was earned. It is encouraged to save some items for when the 5 graders have time to purchase Spirit Day items. It was discussed to possibly order more items for future Spirit Day events.

Upcoming Events – when/where, help needed?

\*American Education Week – Bev Dilloff

Refreshments will not be served this school year. For parents who have already had their license scanned, badges will be preprinted. This includes grandparents and other visitors. If you haven’t had your license scanned, you will need to have it scanned prior to visiting classrooms.

\*Fifth Grade Chair- Sari Alperstein

$180 in profit was made from the last sales event.

December 6th will be the next Freezie Pop Sale.

Wish Grams will be sold December 5-19, messages can be sent to others that includes a wish for the new year. Jason’s Deli will hold a fundraiser for the 5th graders.

-Holiday Bazaar - Suzy Heyman

This Wednesday, November 13, 2013

6:30-9:00pm

Many vendors will be present.

\*Holiday Shop for Kids – Amy Lebowitz, Melissa Puritz

Volunteers are needed. Many items have been purchased for the shop.

\*Restaurant Night- Jess Normington

CPK still has not sent check from our last restaurant night. Tanzi has been in touch with them.

Our next one will be on December 16th at Chipotle from 4:30- 9pm (50% proceeds go to FGES). Must mention Fort Garrison may be used for dine-in or carry-out orders.

\*Yearbook- Carly Maass, Stephanie London

The cover contest will be over December 6th. Use the website that was provided if you want to upload photos. Please do not email them directly to Carly or to Stephanie.

Additional Reports / Reminders

\*Communications- Damian Maddox

Please give Damian at least 48 hours to post information to the website.

Miscellaneous

November

11/13 Holiday Bazaar

11/15 Conference Day /Report Cards– no school

11/18-22 American Education Week

11/24-26 Kids’ Holiday Shop

11/28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday, No school

December

12/5-19 New Year’s Wish Grams

12/6 Friday Freezies

12/9 PTA Meeting 6:30p – tentative (will be determined at a later date)

12/14 Go Girl Go! runs in the Jingle Bell Run

12/16 Restaurant Night

12/20-1/1 Winter Break, no school