**March PTA Meeting – March 14, 2016**

(The meeting started at 6:32 pm)

1. Welcome
2. Reading Night – Stacy Siegel
* April 19th
* There will be food trucks
* Hot Spots is one of our sponsors
* Parent that is an author will be speaking
* There will be a “Carnival” Theme
* Engrade (provides the platform for BCPS ONE) will donate a cotton candy machine. Popcorn, picture booth
* Students can use their tickets for the auction and other things
* Classrooms will have games to play- staffed by teachers
* Mrs. Siegel is requesting support from the PTA for some materials and for some volunteers on the day to help set up.
* This Thursday, March 17m 2016 there will be a coffee talk presentation about making reading fun and engaging. This will be presented by Amey Sanders and Jenn Hoffman.
* Some of the food vendors will give a percentage of profits to school.
1. Board Reports
2. President’s Report: Richard Gerie- internet spokesperson that will be presenting to kids from grades 3-5 this Wednesday at 9:30am.
3. Treasurer’s Report - All the money coming in right now is for movie night. We are on budget for the rest of the year.
4. School Reports
5. Principal’s Report – Mrs. Harris reported on general staffing. Our projected number of students for next week is 335. This is broken down into: 2 kindergarten, 5 teachers for grades 1 and 2 and 8 teachers for grades 3 – 5. The school was cut special area time for next year. There will be PE for 4 days/week, Vocal Music for 4 days/week and Art will be 4.5 days a week. The last day of school has not been announced yet. However, Dr. Dance is requesting for some days back due to State of Emergency status during the snow.
6. Assistant Principal’s Report - MSA Science Testing for Grade 5 took place last week. PARCC testing will occur for grades 3 – 5 during the month of May.
7. Event Chairs’ Reports

**Communications Review:**  the information is on the back of tonight’s agenda

**Box Tops:** No update at this time but a new chair is needed for next year.

**Hershey Park:**  Flyers went out in the newsletter, on peach jar and on Facebook. The deadline is April 22nd.

**Kindergarten Roundup:** Round up will be on Wednesday, April 6, 2016. There will be PTA table at roundup with the school supplies kit.

**Membership:** No new updates

**Movie Night:** 186 people are registered for movie night. They will be selling popcorn, candy, goldfish and water. The movie will be Hotel Transylvania 2. March 18th at 6:30.

**Orioles Night:** May 6th is the Oriole Game Night. The flyer went out. Please encourage people to attend this game.

**Plant Sale:** The Plant Sale will be on Friday, May 6th. A sign up genius will be sent out for volunteers for both Thursday delivery and Friday set up and sales. Pre-orders are currently being accepted from FGES staff.

**School Supplies:** This will be a service for next year. The PTA is not making any money from this initiative.

**Spirit:** Some new items were ordered for Reading Night. The Committee will sell some of these items during lunch sometime in April

**3rd – 5th Event:** No updates

**Yearbook:** Flyers went out and yearbooks can be ordered online.

**Fort Gives Back:** 20 students went to Mt. Sinai hospital to deliver 152 cheer bags to sick students. This was originally started by a former FGES student who is now an adult.

April 15, 2016 is the Hop for Hopkins. This will be a joint event with Summit Park and take place at Pikesville Middle School. There will be a Sign - Up Genius for volunteers and possible donations for water/candy. This even will take place from 7:30 – 9:00 pm.

1. Miscellaneous questions/comments?
* Parent asked if there was a graduation for Kindergarten students – no, but there is a moving up day towards the end of school and the kids get to see the grade they will be attending in the Fall.

Today’s meeting ended at 7:25 pm