

Ellicott Mills Middle School PTA
BOE meeting
August 17, 2016 6:30 – 8:00

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Establish Quorum – Recording Secretary

Attendants: Carol Bianchini, Rosalind Brooks, Deeana Franklin-Campbell, , Selena Choo, Darlene Cochrane, Heidi Feng, Todd Hochkeppel, Anita Kadagala, Carol Ketterman, Linda McLaughlin, Renee Petty, Chris Rattay, Jennifer Whang, Sue Zhang, Kristy Schwatka
3. Minutes from June, 2016: All approved as written
4. Report of Officers
 - A. Treasurer’s report: Hardcopy attached
 - B. President’s report: Transition period has been smooth. Most of the PTA leadership positions have been filled. We still have several vacant positions at this point. The leadership sheet was sent out via email.
5. PTAC delegates’ report: No report
6. Principal’s report: The building renovation has been successfully completed. Park and Rec room was renovated to two classrooms, one for science and one for music. One of the portables outside the building will be used as the Park and Rec room. So we have one more classroom.
We didn’t endure staff cut. The school will have the fourth music teacher in fall. We still have one position open. In fall, the school will have 94 staff members. 807 students are currently enrolled. We are expecting 820 students for fall. We had flooding in the gym during the heavy rain in late July. The gym floor has been completely renovated.
7. Staff representative’s report: No report
8. Committee reports:
 - A. Community engagement:
 1. Membership: We need to set a goal for this year’s membership drive: 425 is the goal for 2016-2017 school year.
\$10 membership fee is currently on the low end compared to other schools. We voted to approve to raise the fee to \$15 for 2016-2017. The reason for the raise will be explained in the email to the parents.
 2. School directory:

3. Technology/website: Michelle will be the website coordinator. We decided to work with Towson Computer and Information Sciences Department students to revamp the PTA website. Deeana will coordinate with Michelle and Selena on the project.
4. Volunteer coordination:

B. Family involvement:

1. Community outreach:
2. School improvement team (SIT):
3. Social events:

C. Special events and programs

1. Drama club: Todd attended a workshop about doing a show with Disney licensing. The drama club would like to try it this year. No payment for rights. The major impact is on time. We need to start early fall. The show time will be in January. We may get several instruments involved on stage as well. Rattay will contact Mr. Fisher. Rattay needs to look at the school events schedule. Drama club also plan to change the rehearsal time to evenings and Saturday.

2. Hospitality:
3. Reflections:

D. Ways and means:

1. Annual fundraiser:
2. Business partners (Linda): All fundraising restaurant nights have been lined up for the entire year. Chick-fil-A, B&N, etc. We currently have 20 nights total. When we advertise the nights, we may want to mention what we want to do with the money for the school to better motivate the parents. Barnes and Noble and several other business were really really supportive. They are open for ideas. We need to provide themes and ideas. We may have student singing and playing instruments during those events. We need to get the teachers involved in generating the themes.
3. Spirit wear:

9. New business:

Rattay's update on security problem: We have lots of people in the building. We only have 6 surveillance cameras outside the building and no interior cameras. We submitted report to the county requesting additional cameras. The county suggested that working with PTA may help the school get the cameras faster, such as the county paying 50% and the PTA matching this other 50%. Average price per camera is \$3000. We can tie this to one or more of our fund raising events.

Deeanna: Meeting space for the 2nd half of the year. Could we have the PTA meeting in the Miller library? Rattay suggested meeting in one of the four feeding elementary schools or a restaurant such as Mission BBQ. Miller library

may work better for community outreach. We may vary our spring meeting location.

10. Adjournment