

Ellicott Mills Middle School PTA
BOE meeting
November 16th, 2016 6:30 – 8:00

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

Attendants: Christopher Rattay, Carol Ketteran, Margaret Caporaletti, Anita Kadagala, Linda McLanghlin, Paula D'Alonzo, Selena Choo, Deeanna Franklin Campbell, Sue Scott, Heidi Feng, Christine Goladay, Kristy Schwatka, Natasha Stewart, Sharon Boone, Liz Campbell, Matt Gaieski, Jennifer Johnson, Gregory Stein, Ben, Mike Ward, Clare Greenwell, Julie Jones, Kathryn Wilson

3. Minutes from October 19, 2016: All approved as written

4. Report of Officers

Towson Univ. student team demonstration of new PTA website on WordPress platform. Overall feedback highly positive. There were questions about the security. The team assured us that the security protection will be more than sufficient for the type of information available on the website.

Directory Chair, Sharon Boone, demonstrated the current format of the directory. PTA will send electronic version only to parents who opt in to receive the directory.

A. Treasurer's report: Draft available on web site

B. President's report:

- Went over PTA goals and budget
- Update on current PTA activities

5. PTAC delegates' report: N/A

6. Principal's report:

Thanked PTA for refreshments, 180 parents visited school today. Last Friday event was a success with 110 student attending.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be next week. Schedule is full.

Six graders will have another counselor. There will be several personnel changes.

Science: Hour of Code will come to EMMS

Fundraising for the Sensory Room: Related people have visited the EMMS facility and provided suggestions.

7. Staff representative's report: Mrs. Caporaletti: Thanks PTA for teachers' support fund to create the lending library for calculators. PTA purchased 20 graphical calculators for our library. 15 has been checked out today.

8. Mr. Fischer (band director) discussed the need for funding support for the music programs, especially the band. PTA proposed possible funding raising events: e.g., family nights out, a designated account to support Music program, Giant gift cards. A subcommittee will be set up to work on activities supporting the Music program.

9. Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell and Mr. Matt Gaieski reported results of the PTA survey:

- 29 responses, types of PTA activities: book drive coat drive should continue, grassroots support, etc.

- off-site meeting locations such as Miller Library, B&N.

- topic of guest speakers: transition from middle school to high school, safety, motivation for students, time management

- comfort level at PTA meetings: mostly comfortable

- possible changes: time, respondents would like it to be on different days,

7. Committee reports: N/A

A. Community engagement:

1. Membership:

2. School directory:

3. Technology/website:

4. Volunteer coordination:

B. Family involvement: N/A

2. Community outreach:

3. School improvement team (SIT):

4. Social events:

C. Special events and programs N/A

1. Drama club (Todd):

2. Hospitality:

3. Reflections:

D. Ways and means: N/A

1. Fundraising:

2. Business partners:

3. Spirit wear:

8. New business: N/A

9. General program: Having meaningful dialog with your teen

10. Adjournment