

Ellicott Mills Middle School PTA
BOE meeting
February 14, 2018 6:30 – 7:30 pm

1. Welcome and call to order
 2. Attendees: Sue Zhang, Dina Gordon, Christine Goladay, Kristy Schwatka, Linda McLaughlin, Meredith Long, Chris Rattay, Margaret Caporaletti, Deeanna Franklin Campbell, Dana Rose, Julie Jones
 3. President's Report -
 - There is about \$400 left in the budget for the spring portion of the Teacher Grants Program. Margaret Caporaletti will check with teachers on funding ideas and opportunities; may use the money for STEM night.
 4. Principal's Report -
 - Thanks go out to PTA V.P. Sue Zhang for helping organize the Teacher Luncheon put on by EMMS' Chinese parents group. The food was "amazing."
 - School safety reminder - reinforcement message will be sent out regarding closing school doors when leaving the building.
 - The administration may need input from the PTA to get back the use of a portable from HoCo Parks & Rec.
 - It's projected that enrollment will be at approximately 836 students in Sept.
 5. Treasurer's report -
 - Under funding of the PTA budget is an issue. We need to raise more money; get the word out regarding PTA accomplishments. Discussed money-raising ideas; possibly have fundraising tables at upcoming events, open to all options.
 - The PTA has not gotten a lot of funding reimbursement requests from the administration yet.
 6. Teacher Representative's report -
 - According to Margaret, 7 mini-grant applications were received from 6 teachers. She and Chris Rattay reviewed all applications. She requested a list of teacher/PTA members from the Membership Chair.
 - 8th grade field trip packets were sent home, and planning for the 8th grade picnic is underway.
 - The teachers greatly enjoyed the Chinese parents' New Year luncheon, and they send out a big thanks to all who made it possible.
 - We were introduced to Meredith Long, Science Teal Leader - she'll be the Teacher Rep to the PTA next year.
 7. Committee reports:
 - PTACHC - School budget constraints were discussed, as well as the shortened spring break. The HoCo Council will discuss the AFFFQ (an attendance ordinance).
 - A voter registration drive is being sponsored by the high schools.
 8. Adjournment - 7:15 pm
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