

PTA General Meeting, 7pm, 4/5/2019

Members in attendance (19): Staci Rijal, Kelley O'Dell, Brad Tobin, Sarah Harrison, Roxana Guerra, Jolyn Green, Jen Zwiselsberger, Abena Durity, Aliscia Smith, Kara Cashwell, Kathryn Farmer, Candi Sparrow, Trey Billips, Rebecca Kotuby, Nancy Butler, Sue Heiler Brown, Cindy Hart, Terra Liddell, Nicole Durity

Trey Billips opened the meeting at 7:15pm

Exec Committee Reports

- **President**

- Introduced new AP
 - AP introductory remarks: Taught for 13 years, now at Lyles Crouch as their AP. She's very excited to move over to Barrett and meet us and our kids!
 - Took a few audience/parent questions.
 - Screen Free Week- This was a great success! Screenagers documentary showing event was a well attended. A fruitful venture in co-hosting with another PTA (George Mason).
 - Spring2Action. Another amazing fundraising job by this community! The new water bottle fillers are installed and working great. The kids love it and have fun looking at the digital readouts of how many bottles saved.
 - Carnival was another amazing event, the rain held off. Special thanks to Dustina and the committee for the hard work.
 - Restaurant Night Fundraisers - Thanks to Anna Jaeger and Candi Sparrow for their work on putting these together.
 - Executive Board Nominations: If anyone is interested in nominating someone, please let us know. We are still looking for a few positions: Secretary and President-elect.
 - Teacher Appreciation Week is this week! Please do all you can to show your gratitude, have your kids write thank you notes.
 - One of our students was a National PTA Reflections winner!! Congratulations to Riley Zwiselsberger for his 3rd place National award.
 - Box Tops: still collecting them, keep dropping them in the little box by the front entrance until June. Box tops will change from cutting box tops to scanning receipts. There is a Box Tops app that you can use when you online grocery shop, read about it here:
<https://www.boxtops4education.com/sneakpeek>

- **Secretary**

- Motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2019 meeting. Motion approved.

- **Treasurer**
 - Please take a look at the Budget Income and Expense Report that was handed out as you entered the meeting. Or contact Carrie if you would like a copy.
 - Carrie is always available at cbptatreasurer@gmail.com if you have questions or would like a copy of the report..

Principal's Report

- HR updates:
 - Third grade: we have not been given the 4th teacher position. But, we are continuing to see our numbers grow in terms of rising 3rd graders, so we're hopeful. ACPS Enrollment meeting is every Friday and we keep asking about it. We'll let you know once we know.
 - Final interviews for 3rd secretary position
- City has officially delayed the REC playground renovation. They need to do more drainage work before they put in the new playground
- School playground: we are replacing a few pieces of equipment this summer, and we will continue to do this over the next couple of years in phases.
- School building work: painting this summer, HVAC replaced.
- SOL testing begins next week
- Questions:
 - What will enrollment be in third grade without a 4th teacher?
 - 27 students per class. 26 is the cap.
 - What is the next step, invite Dr. Hutchings here?
 - Yes, that is what we are talking about. The PTA would invite him and hold a special meeting for all parents. Create a forum where he can answer questions.
 - Is all the redistricting impacting this?
 - There is a slight impact from redistricting, as we allowed 4th and 5th graders to grandfather into their school and siblings could stay until they move on to middle school.
 - Being redistricted from GM to CBES and now to be told that CBES is overenrolled? It's very frustrating. They spent money on figuring out redistricting that could have been spent on funding teachers.
 - Seth: my understanding is that ACPS is trying to be as equitable as possible. But it is a lot of moving pieces, but my job is to advocate for CBES. We are not overenrolled but 3rd grade has hit it's caps for the three teachers we are currently assigned.
 - It's unacceptable for 15 classes (across multiple schools) to have this problem district wide. Where can be money be moved from to fund teachers?
 - This is difficult. In terms of moving money around, certain budgets are completely separate (such as the capital building budget).

- How many more kids would we have to gain in third grade to guarantee that we'll get a 4th teacher?
 - 5 over the grade limit.
- Do you see a lot of kids moving away over the summer?
 - Biggest melt-off is 3rd to 4th grade right now, a recent trend. But, no we don't generally lose a lot over the summer.
- SOLs: Are they different this year?
 - That's the at high school. Elementary SOLs remain the same.
- SOL make-ups?
 - Yes, we build them into the schedule.

Next meeting: June 3, 2019

Please email Trey Billips regarding any PTA issues (not Seth Kennard) or things you'd like to see in meetings, things we should be talking about: cbptapresident@gmail.com Or contact any member of the board: <https://www.cbpta.org/meet-the-team>