

Board Attendees:

Alyssa Adeyemi, Edom Aweke, Sarah Yurasko, & Shanon Griffith

Members:

Becky Rotem, Jennifer Hallman, Andrea Szabo, Kim Hintos, Linda McDonald, Aileen Herberer, Joanna Sampson, Jason McConachy, Theresa Thomas, Kim Painter, Anne Neumann, Ronnie Boheman,

Meeting Minutes:

Call to Order

- Alyssa Adeyemi called the meeting to order at 7:07pm

SCA Updates

- PTA and SCA are working closer together this year.
- SCA recently organized a Lake Braddock pep rally for the basketball team – big success
- Soup – erbowl drive this week
 - Please remind your students
 - Place your name and teacher name in the raffle
 - Tomorrow is jersey day
- Guinness Book of World Records
 - March 15th Cherry Run will attempt to break the world record for the number of children holding a stuffed animal
 - Everyone will bring in a stuffed animal 6 inches or taller
 - All stuffed animals will be donated
- Family Feud Night
 - April 5, 7:00pm
 - Classes will complete and survey and SCA will use the answers to hold a competition between parents and teachers
- March 11th – Penny Wars

President Update

- We would like to appoint our Nominating Committee:
 - Kim Hintos, Liz Gibbons, Beth Cassidy
 - Motion – Alyssa Adeyemi
 - Seconded – Joanna Sampson
- Clubs are up and running.

- Yoga and Cardboard offered second sessions, but yoga only had enough interest for one session
- Guitar club started
- Drama and STEM clubs begin next week
- Running Club will begin in the spring
- Talent Show:
 - We need more volunteers
 - Registration Forms are due tomorrow
 - CDs can be brought in or emailed to talent show email
 - 13th dress rehearsal
 - Show is scheduled for Feb 21st.
- Directory:
 - The directory has been distributed to your students
 - Email the directory team if you did not get one
- *Question: Who provides the Tuesday folders?*
 - Those are provided by the school, not the PTA
 - Follow up with individual teachers if you need a replacement
- Yearbook:
 - Clubs pictures have been rescheduled due to the snow day.
 - Please email any of your pictures to cherryrunyearbook@gmail.com
- Book Donation Drive
 - This event is scheduled for the end of February –
 - We will be collecting gently used books to be used in our classrooms: Sunday, Feb 24th or dropoff the following Monday or Tuesday.
 - Feb 28, teachers will be able to browse/select books for their classrooms.
- Spring Carnival:
 - Special Olympics grant was not received, but Committee is planning an inclusion week regardless in the spring
 - They are requesting funds (\$500.00) for support from the PTA
 - Tentative Dates: April 21 – 26
 - Carnival would be held on the 26th after school
 - This would include a Special Olympics assembly free of charge.
 - Funds are needed for deposits mostly, tickets would be sold at the event and this could actually wind up producing a profit.
- Bruin 5K hosted by Lake Braddock SCA
 - If you sign up, Cherry Run will receive some money back; \$2 per registration
 - We are hoping to kick off the running club with this 5K
 - Any funds could be tagged for the Spring Carnival

Principal Update

- Ms. Waters was unable to attend tonight and apologizes

- She is looking forward to working with the PTA and answering any questions
- There is no update for the acting assistant principal – will be announced soon

1st VP Report

- Bingo Night:
 - This event is scheduled for tomorrow night
 - Historically this is a very well attended event
 - Feb 6th – snow date
- Chik-fil-a Restaurant Week:
 - Scheduled for Feb 11 – 15
 - This is our 3rd fundraiser
 - Families will need to show a flyer

2nd VP Report

- The PTA would like to thank and recognize the Directory Team:
 - Megan Dwyer
 - Helen Poon
 - Melanie Alie
- Talent Show:
 - Needs volunteers – please consider signing up

Treasurer's Report

- Budget Review:
 - We met as a board to review where we are in the budget. We currently need to reduce the budget by 3000
 - Areas with lower income than estimated:
 - PTA Membership:
 - *Question: Can we do a mid-year membership drive?*
We have not had success with this in the past
 - *Question: Offer to set up a membership table tomorrow night?*
Wonderful!
 - *Question: Can we offer an incentive or competition?*
We have done this in the past, but it might be more successful earlier in the year
 - Would like to reduce this by \$1800 in the budget
 - Restaurant Nights:
 - Weather issues caused a much lower than expected turnout
 - Would like to reduce by \$500
 - Boxtops:
 - We have one more round and might be able to get more than estimated

- *Question: Can we provide an incentive to send in more than 20 box tops? We will brainstorm this with the committee*
 - *Question: SACC kids don't see the box tops collection table when it is outside. We might consider moving that*
 - Spirit Wear:
 - Cost and turnover contributed to much higher costs
 - Would like to adjust net budget down by \$700
- Expenses need to be reduced by 3000
- Proposed Reductions:
 - Copying – 400
 - Library donations – 500
 - School Assemblies – 1500
 - There are options for 1000
 - There is also a free special Olympics assembly as part as inclusion week
 - Sweets for your Sweetie – 350
 - Membership would like to keep this event but without the coffee or a way to make it less expensive
 - Spring Dance – 100
 - This will be replaced with Spring Carnival
 - Professional Development – 300
- Discussion Regarding Reductions:
 - Spring Carnival – additional cost 500
 - The PTA money would help offset deposit and supplies for game and prizes, but they will sell tickets and hope to make this money back.
 - Lake Braddock 5K funding would help as well
 - *Question: Can we consider another restaurant night?*
This is an option we can consider, but we will want to adjust budget now and readjust if we make more money
 - *Suggestion: Can we cut assemblies to 0 and fund the Carnival and Sweets with Sweeties?*
This is an option
 - *Question: Where are Silent Auction funds going? Can they be used for library books?*
 - Funds are going toward technology and educational enhancements (library, specials, etc)
 - Yes, we can give 500 of the income back to the library
 - *Question: Can we reduce the bus transportation costs?*
 - This has gotten bad feedback in the past from the school
 - Some grades have already used this amount and others have not but it was in the budget

- It is difficult to remove this line item mid-year and should be considered for removal over the summer.
 - *Question: Can we use the used book donation as a sale?*
Great idea
 - *Question: Can we announce the budget cuts at Bingo Night?*
This might alienate people rather than entice others to join.
 - **Revised Budget changes based on discussion:**
 - Reduce Copying – 400
 - Reduce Library Donations – 500
 - Reduce School Assemblies – 2500
 - Reduce Spring Dance – 100
 - Reduce Professional Development - 300
 - Fund:
 - Spring Carnival – 500
 - Sweets for your Sweetie – 300
 - **Budget replenishment priority on discussion:**
 - Library budget line has first priority to be replenished
 - Vote on the Revised Budget cuts:
 - Motion to Pass: Jennifer Hallman
 - Seconded: Becky Rotem
 - Passed with general vote
- Motion to end the meeting: Alyssa Adeyemi
 - Seconded: Jason McConachy