

**Gunpowder Elementary School
PTA Board of Directors Meeting
July 14, 2009
Meeting Minutes**

Present

Krista DiPaula, Melissa Strohmman, Chris Hagan, Shannon Wagner, Bobbi Sue Stiles, Melissa Johnson, Phyllis Henry, Denise Prem, Laurie Wagerman, Stacey Schwink, Lynn Hodges, Stacey Jones, Christine Green, Leeann Grutkowski, Amy Thomas, and Chris Kirtz.

Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:11pm. The meeting was opened with introductions of all present and their position on the Board of Directors.

Treasurer's Report – Shannon Wagner, Treasurer

Shannon Wagner, Treasurer, asked for volunteers to serve on the budget committee. A meeting will be scheduled to put together the proposed 2009-2010 budget for approval by the Board of Directors and vote of the general membership.

President's Report – Chris Kirtz, President

Chris Kirtz shared the following dates for proposed PTA sponsored events:

- 9/25 Hot Dog Night
- 10/3 Pitch in for Progress
- 10/17 Movie Night
- 1/15 Family Game Night
- 2/16 – 2/19 Kids Helping Hopkins
- 2/19 Winter Carnival

Other events and dates were discussed. All will be reviewed against the BCPS calendar and considered for the coming year.

Spirit Days – Christine Green, Chairperson

The schedule for spirit days is still being worked through. Proposed are the following themes/dates:

- 9/25 Red, White & Blue Day – to coincide with Hot Dog Night & USNA Band concert
- 3/19 Green Day – for St. Patrick's Day or recycling awareness
- 5/21 Animal Print/Favorite Animal Day – to recognize favorite animals

Please reach out to Christine if you have suggestions!

Fundraising – Chris Hagan & Melissa Strohan, Chairpersons

Many fundraising options were discussed including Race for Education, restaurant nights, Kids Stuff books, Market Day, and a discount card to local business. The Board of Directors was in favor of pursuing the Race for Education. Chapel Hill Elementary and some area private schools reported success with the fundraiser. Chris Hagan offered to follow up with the company regarding some questions and Melissa and Chris will propose the idea to Mrs. Smith for consideration.

Assemblies – Denise Prem, Chairperson

The NED Assembly has been scheduled for 11/3. This was a suggestion from 2008-2009 that was not able to be scheduled prior to the end of the school year. Denise is working with the USNA Band for a concert to coincide with Hot Dog Night. Denise will also contact Patapsco HS, Carver HS and review the Baltimore's Child directory for assembly possibilities. A request was to include a theatre assembly if possible.

Nominating – Christine Green, Chairperson

Leeann Grutkowski volunteered to chair the Bulletin Board Committee. There is still a need for a Webmaster. The PTA is considering outsourcing to "Paperless PTO" as an option.

There was lots of discussion regarding how to inform volunteers of recording their volunteer hours, what counts, where to sign in, etc. It was agreed a comprehensive article would be included in the first PTA newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Johnson

Recording Secretary
Gunpowder Elementary School PTA