

FES PTA Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2014

Meeting called to order: 6:35pm

Attendees:

Ms Moore –Robey	Principal
Ms. Nickles	Vice Principal
Ms. Little	First Grade Teacher
Rebecca Reed	PTA President
Rochelle Weirich	Vice President 1
Tracy Sharma	Vice President 2
Hope Ripkin	Treasurer
Vanessa Romney	Corresponding Secretary
Lisa Schlossnagel	PTA Delegate
Cindy Johnson	Volunteer Coordinator
Coretta Bennett	International Night Chair
Josh Felsen	Nominating Committee
Chris Pereira	Nominating Committee
Jackie Hongladarum	
Brian Cullum	
Meghna Lipcon	
Denise Smith	

Administrative Remarks:

International Night was a huge success. Great turn out.  
The recent cultural arts program on African American Women in history was had great feedback from the students.

Teacher Information:

Ms. Weathers-third grade teacher coming back from a surgery leave on 2/18  
Ms. Rahll-second grade teacher going out on maternity leave around spring break (sub-Ms. Oros, former FES fourth grade teacher)  
Ms. Prather-first grade teacher-on maternity leave (sub- Ms Adaoyea)

Drums that were purchased by PTA were featured during the chorus concert and were very well received by students and parents.

A grant, class donation, and other money from school became available to purchase more drums for the school to complete the existing set.

Therefore, money put aside for purchase of more drums could be put

towards a new sound system that is needed. A motion was made for a change in the budget to reflect this change. The line item would be changed from "drums" to "music."

The motion passed. The budget change was approved.

Treasurer Report:

Tutti Frutti night made \$100.00  
Chick-fil-A dine out night \$383.00  
J and P dine out night \$250.00  
Silent Auction \$620.00

Membership sign ups are on track with last year.

Hope Ripkin/treasurer to work with Ms. Little on getting the books for the annual First Grade Author's Tea

Delegates Report:

Council Meeting was held on 2/10/14 Board is encouraging two-way communication with them on proposals and policies.

Many issues were presented including Expansion of Pre-K and a pending house bill on this issue and the impact it would have on the school system. Overview of Common Core (teachers evaluations, student assessments) and its effect on teachers. Underlying theme being that teachers have increased workload with no increase in resources.

Last day of school currently June 18th with any additional days a waiver could be requested.

Prepare for Success was presented. This is a community wide program that equips students in need with backpacks and school supplies. The PTACHC Board is hoping for participation from all 73 Howard county PTA's. Discussion was had about whether to donate money or hold a drive. It was decided that a drive would be held and PTA funds would supplement if not enough supplies were collected. Lisa Schlossnagel said she would lead on this effort. A suggestion was made to involve Student Council. Lisa will discuss this with Mr. DeWees (4<sup>th</sup> grade), who is the Student Council Teacher. She will also follow up with the PTACHC Board to get a list of recommended supplies. Chris Pereira offered to go to Target and see if they would be willing to participate in this effort.

International Night Chair -Coretta Bennett

International Night was a big success. A Silent Auction was added to the event this year and went very well. We can incorporate this in years to come as well. Hope Ripkin will provide the pictures that she took at the event.

#### Hospitality Report-

Teacher's luncheon scheduled for 1/12/2014. Food catered from La Palapa 2. Vegetarian options from Costco & Wegman's.

#### Ways and Means Report-

Rochelle Weirich presented a program called Booster-thon, which is being proposed for next year as the fall fundraiser. It is a school-wide Fun Run.

This is a pledge driven event where the students will have a running/walking goal in mind for raising \$ for the school. Positive messages of health, fitness & anti-bullying are presented throughout the event. There will be T-shirts and a pep rally.\* More information to come.

#### New Business:

Rochelle Weirich gave an overview of the Falcon Follies talent show that is coming up on May 5th. Auditions will be held on Mon 2/24 for song and dance and Tues 2/25 for instrumentals and vocals. (Both starting at 6 pm) Rehearsals will be held on 3/24 3/25 (6:30-9:30 in cafeteria)

Questions contact: Lisa Donahoe at [patandlisa0863@hotmail.com](mailto:patandlisa0863@hotmail.com) (write falcon follies in the title of the email).

Chris Pereira is planning to have a school-wide ice cream social in the spring. Non-dairy options discussed to be inclusive of children with allergies and restrictive diet concerns. \*More information to follow.

A nominating committee has been formed to find member's for next year's PTA Executive Board. Members include: Josh Felsen, Chris Pereira, and Sara Raymond)

Proposed change to PTA by-laws Article VI section #2 d.

\*(available on the PTA website [www.fespta.org](http://www.fespta.org) under exec board)

Current by-laws state that officer's 1 term equals 1 year of service, and are not eligible to serve more than 2 consecutive terms. A recommendation was made to change the by-laws to reflect 1 service term to equal 2 years not to exceed more than two terms in one position. (this change would be in line with the MD PTA by-laws) A motion will be made to make this change in the by-laws at the next PTA meeting. The 30 day comments period began when it was presented to the general PTA tonight, 2-11-2014.

Upcoming Events:

3/20 Bay Day

4/10 Staff Appreciation Luncheon

5/2 Falcon Follies/Talent Show

5/22 Fulton Finery

6/6 Space/Stem Day

Upcoming PTA Meetings

4/8/14

5/22/14 (before the Fulton Finery)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm