**February 26, 2019 PTA Meeting**

**Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm**

**Attendance**: John Wolpert, Alicia Assetto, Vanessa Marasco, Amy Parker, Jennifer Doe, Heather Mattern, Krista Schneider, Melissa Turski, Anna Turpin, Kristen Andrews, Tim Stamper, Martine Foreman, Jennifer MacDonald, Carla Lawson, Karen McLaren, Jen Myers, Chris Myers, Sarah Parsons

**Announce Slate of Officers:**

President: Vanessa Marasco

Vice President of Administration: Amy Parker

Vice President of Fundraising: Jennifer Doe

Treasurer: John Wolpert

Secretary: Alicia Assetto

**Old Business**

* **Thanks for coming!**
* **Treasurer’s Report – John Wolpert**
  + - Current Balance: about $34,000
    - Net Income for January $709
  + Oscars fundraiser made $3,554 which was a 26% improvement from last year
    - Chris the manager said our fundraiser was one of the best they do
  + Our $34,000 balance will be reduced by end of year expenses such as:
    - Scholarships
    - 5th grade
    - Field Day
    - Agenda Books
    - Teacher Appreciation
    - Lots more expenses
  + Savings account opened?
    - Did not open a savings account yet
    - PTA is discussing using some more of the funds as will be discussed tonight
    - Suntrust Bank has a higher interest rate for a larger deposit
  + January PTA Budget Report was available at the meeting
* **Principal’s Report – Cindy Bell**
  + Max Bent the Beat Box Man was phenomenal! - Ask your kids to tell you about his visit
    - Was great for all grades
    - The students asked lots of great questions
  + Ms. Bell really appreciates the cultural arts programs (Thanks Amy Parker)
    - Students are benefiting and enjoying the presentations
  + Groovy Science Night was lots of fun
    - Board of Ed member, Tara Battaglia, was in attendance and was impressed with the interactive stations
  + There will be an International night by invitation only for ESOL students and their families
  + 2nd Grade Bread Bake is scheduled for Thursday, March 14th
  + Currently, June 18th is the last day for students this year (subject to change)
    - Will be early dismissal
    - 5th grade promotion that day
  + 5th Grade fundraiser to replace the green stage curtains
    - selling Joe Corbi’s pizza and desserts
    - Orders due Friday, March 15th
  + Next school year will be the Eldersburg Elementary 5oth anniversary
    - Ms. Bell is planning special events
    - Will plan to partner with PTA and parents
    - Planning to open and add to a time capsule from the 25th anniversary
  + There are 4 snow days scheduled for the 2019-2020 school year
  + Ms. Bell will look into planning an International/Cultural night for all EES families
* **Orioles Fundraiser – Mrs. Parsons**
  + Options are to hold traditional fundraiser and offer tickets for $20/$5 to PTA fundraiser OR to sell a block of tickets on Student Night, Friday May 10th at 7:05pm against the Angels (members in attendance agreed on student night option)
  + Student Night tickets are $9 each and will be a fun event, not a fundraiser
  + No more than 5 adults to every student can attend
  + Seats will be together in the Right Field, upper deck
  + Will collect ticket orders and money through EES
  + Will send out flyer on March 25th after BINGO
  + Can post a save the date on the PTA Facebook page
  + Mrs. Parsons will look into getting a fun t-shirt design
* **Upcoming PTA Board Vacancy – Secretary**
  + There is a three year term limit for board positions. Alicia Assetto will have completed 3 years of service in the Secretary position at the end of this school year.
  + Interested candidates can express intent by the April meeting and will be voted into position in May
* **Hershey Park Tickets – Vanessa Marasco**
  + PTA makes $5 for each ticket, they are being sold this year for $38 each
  + March 8th is the last day to send in orders
  + Look for the purple order forms coming home soon
* **Oscar’s Night Fundraiser – Jenn Labin & Karen McLaren** 
  + Big thank you to Karen McLaren and Jenn Labin for the successful Oscar’s Fundraiser
* **BINGO – Saturday, March 23rd!**
  + Will need a caller!!
    - Need someone with a big voice
  + Looking for donations
  + BINGO sold out last year
  + Norwoods will be coming again with their delicious ice cream
  + Jenn needs lots of help contacting local businesses to ask for donation and pick up the donations before our event
  + Bring any donations you collect to our next meeting
  + Will have 3 passes for Stratosphere
* **Box Tops – Carrie Trudden**
  + Carrie is making a collection in the morning
  + Keep collecting all year!!
* **Restaurant Nights – Lauren Rinker**
  + Tuesday, March 12th will be the Chipotle fundraiser
  + Very popular earlier this year
  + PTA will earn 33% when our orders reach $300
  + Let us know if you have ideas for next year’s restaurant nights
  + Krista Schneider will take over for the 2019-2020 school year
* **Cultural Arts – Amy Parker**
  + Max Bent was amazing
    - He complemented our students as well
  + Depending on scheduling, we might be able to squeeze in one more cultural arts presentation this school year
  + Slim Goodbody was also awesome
    - Lots of good tie-ins with the curriculum
    - Benefits all the students
  + Mrs. Parsons suggested Kevin Martin – Steel Drum artist
    - Might be able to bring a whole set of drums for students to play
    - A one day residency with our students
* **Groovy Science Night – Dan Simon & Eli Richards**
  + Google Earth was a fun change

**New Business**

* **PTA Scholarship – Amy Parker**
  + We are offering 2 $1,000 scholarships
  + Open to applicants attending 4 year, 2 year, or trade schools
  + 3.00 minimum GPA
  + Liberty and Century have added our application to their database
  + Share the application with Seniors you know
  + We will need 5 teachers and 1 parent to read and score the applications
  + Alicia Assetto and Amy Parker will tally the scores and select the winners
* **Teacher Appreciation – Kendra Seligman**
  + Plans are in the works
  + Donations/sign-up info will come out in April
  + Will be held the 1st week of May
  + Kendra needs a volunteer to shadow the event this year to take over for next year
* **Brainstorm how to spend our PTA funds**
  + New playground balls and basketball nets
  + More cultural arts assemblies
  + Sensory hallway
  + Alternative seating
  + Ms. Bell is cautious of creating a project that our EES maintenance staff will need to upkeep
    - Plan for upkeep will need to be part of the project
    - Teachers may not have time in the rigorous curriculums to make good use of outdoor classrooms
  + Refresh/make maintenance friendly the courtyards
  + Earth Day/Beautification day
    - To involve parents/students (maybe in April)
  + Technology
    - Materials/Memberships?
    - The County gives EES a certain # of licenses for memberships such as Dream Box
      * EES can buy more?
    - Technology must be approved by the Technology department and the board of education
    - Dream Box is good for students up to 6th grade
      * Ms. Bell will look into if we can get data usage of students from home to know if purchasing more licenses will be worth the expense?
  + School Play
    - 5th grade will perform a school play but not other grades
    - Carrolltowne Elementary performs a school play through the PTA
    - Possibly a 50th Anniversary play
  + Variety/Talent Show?
* **School Supplies – Krista Schneider**
  + Has found a service called Yubbler
    - Gives shopping list for supplies and classroom donations
    - 50% profit to PTA
    - good brands
    - supplies will be mailed right to parents
    - Krista will look into prices/issues/guarantees
    - Krista will also create survey to gauge interest in parent participation
* **Library Scavenger Hunt**
  + From our school wide book, Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s library
  + Fun trivia
  + Open every night until March 15th
  + Prizes for students
* **Next PTA Meeting will be March 12th at 7pm**
* **Drawing for PTA give away – Martine Foreman winner!**
* **Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm**