

Phelps Luck Elementary School PTA

Executive Board Meeting

May 6, 2009

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Attendance – 12 people signed the attendance form. Attendance sign-in form is on file. Thanks to all who signed in.

Consent Agenda – Maryann Cohea (President)

- Minutes from March 25, 2009 approved by consent.
- Correspondence from PTACHC and Maryland PTA dismissing the discrimination and election complaints against the PTA from last year were entered into the official correspondence. Correspondence is on file.
- New Technology/Website Committee was approved by consent. Liz Beachum was appointed Chair.

President's Report – Maryann Cohea (President)

- Maryann recognized and thanked all those who served as officers and committee chairs this year.
- Maryann welcomed Councilman Calvin Ball and Sandra Gray from The “Better Together” Committee.
- Maryann made a motion to amend the bylaws to replace the co-Vice President positions with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Vice President, and to hold the spring elections on the date of the Spring Concert each year. Tanya Brogan seconded the motion. 6 voted in favor.
- Maryann asked that anyone who is interested in serving on the PTA Board next year to let the Nominating Committee know.
- Administration requested that the Last Hotdog of the Summer event be held on a different night other than a Back to School Night. Maryann made a motion to approve, Karen Stark seconded the motion. 6 voted in favor.

Community Meeting Proposal – Sandra Gray, HC Police Civilian Community Liason

- Sandra Gray, on behalf of The “Better Together” Enhancing Long Reach Committee, spoke about their mission to inform and prepare the community for an emergency and prevent residential crime.
- She requested that the PTA host a 2 hour event in which parents and neighbors could come and learn what do to in case of an emergency (for example, power outage, natural disaster, criminal/terrorist attack), and also to learn how to prevent residential crime. The “Better Together” Committee will provide materials and deliver the presentation. The PTA would provide the venue, refreshments and possibly child care (separate, related activities for the children).
- Maryann made a motion to support the event in the fall. Jerry Sapp seconded the motion. 6 voted in favor. Laura Betz will plan the event.

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Principal's Report – Mrs. Akers

- Attached

Treasurer's Report – Maryann Cohea on behalf of Paul Pechacek

- Requests for reimbursements needed ASAP. The last day the PTA can write a check is June 30.
- June 3 meeting will be at Eggspectations. Everyone is asked to donate \$5 toward the meal. The PTA will cover the balance. Maryann will look into reserving the backroom.

Standing Committees Reports

- Bingo Night made \$790.35 minus \$371.57 (expenses) for a net profit of \$418.78
- Spring Dance was well attended and many families reported it being a fun event. Separating the lower grades from the upper grades worked out great.
- Directory – The directory won't be published this year. Businesses that paid for ads will be given the option of a refund or a free ad next year.
- Staff Appreciation – Thanks to all who donated and helped. A special thanks to Tammy Goldberg who planned and organized the event.
- Science Fair – Chairperson is looking for more help next year to help boost students interest in Science.
- Dine Out – We made \$200 from the last dine-out night at Eggspectations. Total money made for the year is \$1,295.91. Saturday, December 5, 2009 has been reserved for next year's Book Fair at Barnes and Noble.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:13 pm

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Principal's Report

Supply List for the 09-10 School Year- Through-out the County there will be changes to supply lists to reduce costs to families and provide consistency from school-to-school. Supplies requested will become the personal property of each student. Donations will be requested for items that are needed for general classroom use such as tissues, hand sanitizers, zip lock bags, and index cards. To reduce the cost families are having to pay to purchase supplies, student newsletters (such as *Scholastic* and *A Time for Kids*) will be purchased through school funds. One Team set will need to be shared among classes.

H1N1 Virus-

Reminders have been made to students to follow general procedures to reduce the spread of germs including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. Cough or sneeze into the crook of your elbow.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you get the flu, stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

To help prevent the spread of the flu between students,, until further notice, there will be a change in county-wide procedures for students coming to the health-room with flu-like symptoms

- Students should stay home for 7 days or return to school with a doctor's note confirming that the student is no longer contagious

Articulation Day- Friday, May 15th

Articulation Day provides time for teachers to review student achievement data, articulate with teachers at the next grade level and begin planning for next school year.

- Parent information form will be coming home with the next newsletter to seek information from parents that may assist in making the best teacher match for the following school-year.

Field Day- Friday, May 22nd

Currently looking for parent volunteers to assist with field day. Volunteer interest form was sent home with all students and is also available on our web-site

Teacher Appreciation Week- May 4-8th

Many thanks for all the wonderful treats. A special thanks to Ms. Goldberg for heading up the planning.

Spirit Wear Sales-

Forms went home for student spirit-wear today. Not meant to be a fund-raiser. Thanks to Melinda Haggerty who helped select spirit wear and is assisting with the sale.

Volunteer Breakfast-

All parent volunteer invited to our volunteer breakfast next Tuesday, May 12th. Please RSVP to Cindy Dolan

End of the Year Dates:

Tuesday, May 12 th	Volunteer Breakfast 9:00 am
Wednesday, May 13 th	Kindergarten Field Trip to Baltimore Zoo, 9:30 – 2:00pm Enrichment Fair, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Friday, May 15-	Articulation Day, School Closed for Students
Thursday, May 21 st	09-10, Kindergarten Orientation 6:30-7:30pm
Friday, May 22 nd	Field Day
Tuesday, May 26 th	Reading Pajama Reading Night – 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Wednesday, May 27 th	Summer School Orientation – 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Friday, May 29 th	Grade 5, Simulated Congressional Hearing
Tuesday, June 2 nd	In-school concert 9:15-10:00 am (Pre-K, 3-5) and 2:15-3:00 pm (Pre-K, K-2)
Thursday, June 4 th	Evening Chorus, Band and Strings Concert @ HHS Students should arrive at 6:00 pm Concert begins at 7:00 pm
Friday, June 5 th	PLES Carnival – 5:00pm-8:00pm

Wednesday, June 10th Maryland My Maryland Assembly 9:05-9:50 (Pre-K, K-2)
& 10:05-10:55 (3-5) 1st Grade will eat in the Pod
Report Cards printed

Thursday, June 11th Report Cards completed in system for review by
administrators

Friday, June 12th Pre-K Celebrations, 9:30 and 2:15
Rain date for the Carnival

Wednesday, June 10th GT Math Parent Orientation, 6:30pm

Monday, June 15th Grade 1 Celebration- 7:30 pm
Administrators return report cards to teachers (edits should
be completed by Wednesday morning)

Tuesday, June 16th Grade 1 in school Celebration (9:15, grades 3,4 and 5)

Wednesday, June 17th 3 hour early closing

Wednesday, June 17th Kindergarten Celebration, 9:15am

Wednesday, June 17th Grade 5 Closing Ceremony, 2:30pm @ Howard High

Thursday, June 18th 3 hour early closing

Friday, June 19th Last Student Day- 3 hour early closing

2009-2010 Back to School Nights

Friday, August 28th Kindergarten Orientation 1:00 pm
PLES Open House 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 15th Back to School Night- Grades PreK, 1st & 2nd, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, Sept. 16th Back to School Night- Grades 3rd, 4th & 5th, 7:00 PM