

Phelps Luck Elementary School PTA
Board of Directors Meeting
September 14, 2011

Call to order: 7:05 pm

President's Greeting – Glenn Zenker

Welcomed staff and parents to the first PTA meeting of the year.

Treasurer's Report – Paul Pechacek

- Reviewed proposed 2012 2013 \$16,696.37 budget for approval. The budget was passed and ratified by more than 10 members with the following revision:
 - Revise Fifth Grade Expense from \$1300 to \$300 and add the \$1000 to Grants.
- Paul will contact Wachovia bank in regards to a \$180 unexplained charge to our account.
- Clarification was given about the PTA Scholarship: it is a voluntary donation that is distributed by the state to High School Students in Howard County.

Principal's Report – Mr. Sean Martin

- Thank you for the Friday breakfast
- Staff PTA membership increased this year by 150%
- Two key messages to students:
 - His expectation are:
 - Do your best and never give up!
 - No Doubts, No Limits, No Excuses!
 - Represent yourself in a positive manner
- Five key messages to teachers
 - Positive school culture
 - Database decision making – think about the process, reflect and make intentional implementation
 - Promote content understanding through purposeful questioning
 - Incorporate number sense – play with numbers
 - Enhancing oral and written communication
- Teachers will have quarterly meetings to work on long range planning. A grant was issued to make this possible.
- County mandates class ratios be 25:1. He, Nancy Ottey, and Adrienne Williams-McKinney have advocated effective in lowering the class sizes to:

First Grade 21:1
Second Grade 19:1
Third Grade 22:1
Fourth Grade 22:1
Fifth Grade 23:1

They will continue towards advocating for the related arts and less sprinkling of the students

Admin Report – Mrs. Nancy Ottey

- Back to School Nights scheduled for: Tuesday, Sept 20th and Wed, Sept 21st
 - Needs volunteers for childcare
 - There will be a G&T orientation at 6 pm in the cafeteria before the Wed, Back to School Night event.
 - Because of the new GT orientation, the PTA will not hold the Last Hot Dog event this September.
 - Vendor tables will be set up in the hallway

Committee Reports:

- Secret Shop – Karen DeBlasio has requested Friday, Dec 9, 2011
- Directory – PTA is aiming to have it completed by the beginning of November
- Box Tops – Deb Sharkey: goal of \$500. Pauline Gardner has offered to help.
- Science Fair – Lisa Strutz : October – 5th grade demos, Jan -kick off, Feb – workshops, April 26th –Science Fair

- Fundraising – Malinda Haggerty :
 - School supply packs have been delivered. This was set up as a service to parents, not as a fundraiser, although we made approximately \$98. Next year, we may want to increase the price if we want to do it as a fundraiser. It was well received and a smooth process. Only two packs were missing which were delivered last week.
 - Taking a break on the Display My Art fundraiser. Instead, a PLES parent has offered to work with us to offer a Family Portrait Session. The cost to families is \$50, \$20 of which will come back to the PTA. This will be set up within the next few months in order to have by the holidays.
- Dine Out – Cheryl vom Saal – First one will be scheduled for October
- Staff Appreciation – Tammy Goldberg
 - Something is done for the teachers every month, plus 2 big dinners during Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- Instrument Program – Mitch – please donate any type of instrument

PTA Mailbox

The mailbox is now the red bin located across from the teachers mailboxes on top of the file cabinet.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 pm

Bingo – need volunteers

- Setup
- Selling snacks and bingo cards

Dance

- Apr 29th
- Several possibilities for a DJ

International Fair

- Committee is forming
- May 20th is tentative date
- International Day may be substituted with College and Career Day