**MINUTES**

Seventh District Elementary PTA

                                                                                                            December 3, 2019 | 6:30pm

**In Attendance**

Heather Denmyer, Principal; Maura Simms, Maggie Stoddard, Emily Fogle, Brooke Folmer, Katherine Dulski, Jessica Armacost

**BOARD**

Maura Simms, President; Maggie Stoddard, Vice-President; Emily Fogle, Secretary; Brooke Folmer, Treasurer

**Minutes Review**

* Maggie motioned to approve
* Heather seconded the motion
* All approved

**2019-2020 PTA Membership update (Emily Fogle)**

* Will be doing another membership push this month for memberships and donations
* Overall Donations: $4,860, Direct Donations: $2,840, Overall Memberships: 139, Teacher Memberships: 24
* Will write up a blurb to email out for one more attempt

**Budget Update (Brooke Folmer)**

* We are on track with corporate donations.
* We are making less profit from the book fair than we thought we were going to be             making.
* Fallfest is bringing in $600 over what we expected.
* We are still spending less than the budget expectations from the expense categories.
* Two teachers have asked for reimbursements.
* We have made $19 from Amazon Smile thus far

**Principal’s Report (Heather Denmeyer)**

* Thank you from Jen for the 5 copies of Comprehension Connections. Every year Baltimore County schools have a progress plan with goals to meet in different areas. Comprehension is one of those areas and the resources will be helpful. Our school earned 5 stars this year!
* Every 5 years Baltimore County conducts a childcare audit. Letters will be coming out to parents, informing them about other companies that can offer services to us besides what we currently offer (Kids’ Place). We are required to be open to other programs and to allow parents to give input. Vendors are reviewed and a decision is made along with BCPS.
* Heather met with the Seventh District Rec Council about the safety of the roller skating program, as it is considered a high risk activity. It has been approved and now has an E.A.P in place in case of emergency evacuations.
* Discussed other low risk options for activities to offer the community through the school, such as game nights. Maura said she can make an Amazon wishlist for games.
* Discussed the possibility that as the school grows, we may need to use the Tots room as a classroom. Every year our numbers have been going up so we may need to come up with some creative options to accommodate the Tots program within the schoolhouse.

**New Business/Motions (Maura Simms)**

* Budget Approval: Paid for 5 copies of Comprehension Connections- $90 and paid the fee to compensate Brent for helping us with the Artisan Vendor market- $256.50
* We made $250 from the Woodfire Spirit Night.
* Assemblies Update: Jen is looking at authors. It was decided that we will not include the health assembly because BCPS has a health curriculum in place already. Jessica’s idea for the science labs is a definite possibility. They cost $1800 for 5 days and there are grants up to $1,000 available. There are also grants available from the Farm Bureau. Jessica will write a grant for us. Maggie suggested Justin Berk and Brooke suggested Critter Connection out of York.
* Door Decorating Contest theme is Welcoming Winter. The teachers will have time set aside on Monday to decorate their doors. Voting will be from Nov 11-18 and the winner will be announced on Nov 20 at the assembly.
* Maggie suggested that we purchase a coin counter to make counting the money from the contest and other events much easier. It will be approximately $100 from the supplies budget. Heather motioned to approve, Jessica seconded it. All approved.
* Yearbook: There have been 30 copies sold so far. Some fifth grade ads have also been purchased. The cover is due November 20th. Will possibly include an image of all of the cover contest entries in the display case. We need more Shutterfly contributions. Will be emailing room parents and teachers to ask that they share pictures. The yearbook committee voted not to include outside clubs and rec activities, but will have a “Seventh in the Community” collage page that will include images from outside clubs and sport

**Committee Reports/Upcoming Events**

Next Spirit night: January 13 - Chik Fila

***Next PTA Meeting: Tuesday, January 7 at 6:30 pm in 7DE Library***