

Bells Mill Elementary School (BMES) Seventh PTA Meeting on 4/2/14

BMES Media Center

The Seventh BMES PTA meeting was called to order by PTA President, Mandy Lemar, at 7:00 p.m. at Bells Mill Elementary School. The Following PTA Board Members were present: Mandy Lemar, President, Stacy Ganz Kahn, President-Elect, Kakki Lewis, Vice President of Student Affairs, Cristin Caine, Vice President of Fundraising, Lang Lin, Delegate, Diana Gallagher, Delegate, and RobBee Fredricks, Secretary.

Ms. Lemar welcomed all to the meeting. BMES has won money from a random drawing at the Reflections Art Contest. Thanks to Steffie for her hard work with the contest.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kurt Shanfield was not able to attend tonight's meeting. Mandy Lemar reported for her that the PTA has spent \$7,500 on the computer cart for the school, which was approved by the membership a few months ago. 5th Grade Promotion checks have been collected from two of the four 5th grade classes. Participation has been high so far, so let's keep it up! Club Bells Mill rounded out the year with a net profit of essentially zero, which is right on target. Great job! The Net Income year to date is approximately \$12,000.

ENRICHMENT UPDATE: Kakki Lewis thanked all of the wonderful staff, especially Ms. Demarino, for facilitating this final Enrichment session.

MCCPTA DELEGATE REPORT: Lang Lin reported that the President and Principal's dinner will be held on May 1st. The Performance Art Festival will be held on April 5th in Rockville Town Center and April 6th in downtown Silver Spring, both from 11am to 6pm. All are welcome to attend this free event. The Math Curriculum Night will be held on April 24th at 7:30 PM at Richard Montgomery High School cafeteria.

INTRODUCTION OF SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR 2014-2015 PTA BOARD: Nominating Committee member, Ashley Finke, thanked the current board for their hard work. The new slate was presented tonight and will be voted on at the next meeting. This will be advertised in the Bear Mail, etc. so that the entire community is aware of the nominees.

Ms. Finke announced the following list of nominees for the 2014-2015 PTA Board:

President-Stacy Ganz Kahn

President-Elect-Kysha Pierre-Louis

VP Communications-Greer Bautz

VP Fundraising-Traci Levine

VP Student Affairs-Kelli Zuba

Secretary-Saira Aslam

Treasurer-Jocelyn Ulrich

Delegates-Lang Lin/Diana Gallagher

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mrs. Oglesby reported that there is an Art Show at Lakeforest Mall. Artwork from BMES students will be on display there through the weekend.

Dr. Starr's request for a waiver of five days was denied. Dr. Starr sent a memo stating that there may be other options in the works. Mrs. O will give us the updated information when she receives it from Dr. Starr.

Kindergarten Orientation will be held next Thursday or Friday. There is no school for current Kinders on those days. Bar-T will be offering arrangements for those days. Please contact Bar-T for more information.

Mrs. Hall-Bell reported that the parent report form for the GT program for 2nd grade students needs to be returned as soon as possible. Assessment results will be received soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS (SEE ON-LINE CALENDAR FOR ADDITIONAL UPDATES)

- April 4th **Science Fair**-Daytime Viewing 9:30 to 11:15 am. Open House 7-8pm-Volunteer
Here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F44AEA87-science2>. Boards can be
dropped off in the morning (just the boards, not all of the actual experiments).
- April 10th **Parent Resource Meeting regarding IEPs**- 7-8pm- Media Center
- April 10th/11th **Kindergarten Orientation**-No school for current Kinders this day. Incoming
Kinders visit classrooms
- April 14th-21st **Spring Break**-No school
- May 2nd **International Night**-7-9pm
- May 5th -9th **Teacher Appreciation Week**
- May 6th **PTA Meeting**-7pm-Media Center-Final PTA Meeting of the 2013-2014 year-vote
in slate of PTA Board Nominees for 2014-2015

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

-March/April/May-**Geography Bowl**-Packets handed out. Quizzes given April 28th. Bowl dates:
May 19th -23rd

-Sign up for **Spring Enrichment** here: <http://bellsmill.org/enrichment-activities/>

-Pre-order the 2013-2014 Yearbooks. Log on to ybpay.lifetouch.com and enter job # 11371914 to order a yearbook through a secure site exclusive to BMES. The yearbook is \$24.

-School Supply Kits Pre-Order Program will begin for current students the week of April 21st (flyers will go home that week). Orders will be accepted until May 30th. Pick up will be held at the Back-to-School morning in August.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Stacy Ganz Kahn introduced Ms. Wolfe, Ms. Wong, and Mr. Lefler who spoke about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and what it looks like in elementary school.

Questions? Contact PTA president – Mandy Lemar – mhlemar@verizon.net, 301-204-1393.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

RobBee Fredricks, Secretary