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Mimi Noorani:

Give feedback to the teachers about activities that your kids liked.

Books a million fundraiser at Beltway Plaza made \$82. Decent results for 1st time. Behnke's gift card fundraiser in progress and made \$120.

One last box tops campaign underway before school year ends. So far, we've generated \$400 in box tops. Please continue to send them in.

PTA has helped fund field trips in almost every grade. Some of these field trips would have been cancelled if PTA hadn't helped on short notice. Field trips should first and foremost be funded by grade level parents, but the PTA makes funds available in the case of shortfalls as we want to actively encourage the school to undertake field trips.

Ms. Seidel was able to get the playground re-mulched by again approaching the county school system. The mulching situation was becoming an issue and affecting playground accessibility at recess.

Anne Gardner successfully submitted a \$500 grant for art supplies to stock a new art closet for teachers to encourage increased art in the classroom. She has a list of items teachers would like to have. In order to have a well stocked closet, parents are asked to donate a few supplies and/or solicit donations from stores as the grant will only cover so much. A list of needed supplies was distributed and included items such as pipe cleaner, pom poms, paint brushes, hot glue gun and glue sticks, tissue paper, construction paper, drawing paper, water color paper, glitter, paints, play doh, craft/popsicle sticks, etc.

Another grant we've received is from Greenbelt Community Foundation for arts in action, to make it easier for the teachers to get artists in the classroom.

Ms. Novick worked with students on a mural about Latin America

Ms. Bush has suggested to have more active programs in the morning, similar to what we offer in afternoon through rec. department. This has been successful at her children's school which also starts at 9:15.

"DishiBem" residency, African drums and dance. May 19th students will be performing African dances for other students. Parents are invited. Great exercise, students enjoyed it very much. A residency involved a professional performance assembly, and individual classroom work with the teaching artists. Ms. Novick was pleased at how the teaching artist, Kwame, interacted with students and how students were eager to demonstrate moves and rhythms they were learning. She noted that after a morning of more sedentary test taking, students were eager to lead class in some of the steps they had learned. Teachers are partaking also and carrying on the lessons into their own classroom work. Ms. Novick emphasized it is very cool! It is integrated in the curriculum. DishiBem is working with 2nd, 4th and 6th grade. Last fall, all teachers and select classrooms in 1st, 3rd and 5th grade worked with renown drama artist in residence, Lenore Kelner of InterAct Story

Theatre where students acted out scenes in books they were reading. These residencies were underwritten by the PTA, Prince Georges Arts Council, and Maryland State Arts Council.

Kindergardeners had Cantare, a well known regional Latin American music group, conduct four sessions in each of the four kindergarten classrooms. Kindergardeners learned a lot of geography, music, stories and enjoyed it tremendously. In addition, Cantare, will be doing a school wide assembly on May 9th. The residency and performances were underwritten through an arts in school program offered by the Washington Performing Arts Society.

More volunteers need to be involved in arts programming for these opportunities to continue.

Sheila. Multicultural dinner.

Flyer went home. It is up in the marquee. It will be in the gazette too

We have some volunteers, but we need more.

This year we will do booth stations. We will have stations with volunteers to serve food

There will be some paper games about the flags and dishes that they can eat, to try to keep students with their families rather than running around.

Principal's remarks: Ms. Seidel.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week has been phenomenal!! Big thank you to volunteers and Lauren Rankel for coordinating. This year's theme was Hollywood based with an "Our teachers and staff are stars" theme and included a mock red carpet, stars with teacher/staff names placed on a walk of fame, and a week of feasts including lunch with table cloths and china.

Career day is on May 28th. Parents are encouraged to talk about their careers in classrooms.

Please see flyer in student's backpacks

Thanks for all the funding for the field trips

Pre-K and K registration has started. If we don't get filled by June 17th anybody from anywhere can register. We have 44 slots as of now.

We are going to continue MATI. We don't have a team to do the training in the summer, but we will continue doing it throughout the year. It would be a good goal to have a team of teachers go through training every other summer or every third summer

Monday 5/10 is "Muffins for Moms." Moms are encouraged to join school in morning for muffins, coffee, and a chat with Mayor J Davis. . Pre-K students will be singing songs.

Amy Hansen attended open meeting with school board member Rossalyn Johnson. Was encouraged by listening and responsive attitude of this meeting and was, personally, particularly interested on what is going on with the middle school.

John Gardner: There will be a new principal next year at middle school and 50% of the staff is going to be replaced. Alternative governance.

It seems that they will start the new middle school building in the summer

There are changes in the districts; we'll be together with College Park. Heather Iliff will be our new school board representative.

Ms. Geagan and Ms. Kendall are retiring. We need to do something as a PTA. It was suggested to do school plantings in honor of these teachers. Plants suggested are butterfly bush for Ms. Kendall outside her window as 1st graders study butterflies, and shad bush for Ms. Geagan to tie into Maryland Native American Studies.

Motion: to buy \$120 in Behnke's gift cards to buy a shad bush. Amy moved. Lucy seconded. All in favor.

Nominations committee

President, Lucy Dirksen. No nominations from the floor. All in favor.

Vicepresident, Karen Yoho. No nominations from the floor. All in favor.

VP for legislation, Sheila Lindsey. No nominations from the floor. All in favor

VP/Board Member at Large Marjorie Martins. No nominations from the floor. All in favor

Treasurer, Julie Maul. No nominations from the floor. All in favor

Secretary, Carolina Napp. No nominations from the floor. All in favor

Lucy: It is really important to get more parents involved in the school. Many hands make the work lighter

Melissa Sites will undertake Labor Day book sale organization again. This is the PTAs biggest fundraiser by far. She will only be at school for two more years/book sales. Volunteer(s) needed to start learning the ins and outs of running this event next year on. Melissa explained the different tasks that need to get done for the fair. Volunteers are needed starting in early August to help pick up and deliver books, sort books, and coordinate other volunteers for the sale itself. The most intense work load will be in the days before and during the sale.

Events for next year: Much happens at beginning of school year – volunteers needed.

Welcome back staff lunch and breakfast. – mid-August

Helping teachers decorate bulletin boards

First Day of School Welcoming Committee

Book Sale

Back To School night

Membership drive

Walk to school day in October

Scholastic book fair in Dec. Karen wants to do a sneak peak for teachers

Treasurer's report:

There are many expenses coming up. The estimate is to end up having about \$8000.

We need to find a way to handle the grants better. We need to separate grant money from the bulk, because that money is attached to particular activities and we are not free to use it for whatever we want.

Anne explained each of the items in the budget

Changes made to the proposed budget:

- No changes for income.
- Need to add city dues, \$150.
- Art programming (item 10) from \$4000 to \$2000
- In-school programs (item13) from \$2500 to \$1000
- Membership/Participation incentives (item 16) from TBD to \$100
- Office supplies (item 17) from TBD to \$300?????
- Reading program (item 18) from TBD to \$750
- Grants-Funds out (item 23) was moved out to its own grant budget.

Mimi moved to approve the budget.

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All in favor