**PTA Executive Board Meeting Agenda**

**May 2nd, 2018**

President, Gretchen Pace, presiding.

Holly Dowling recording the minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm.

**Members in Attendance:**

Gretchen Pace Holly Dowling Christine Way Amber Lenger Becky Sowar

Chris Ross Stephanie Metcalf Arianna Ellerbe Lindsay Howell

**Principal’s Report by Mr. Ross**

* Our Battle of the Books team won first place in the district competition
* Our school will be adding an instructional technology position for next year. This will be a master teacher who supports the teachers and students in the classroom with the use of technology
* State testing for our school begins next week (May 8 and 9) for 3rd-5th graders. ELA will be given using paper/pencil, while the remainder of the tests will be on the computer. Due to the various locations, we will be testing students, no visitor or volunteers will be allowed in the building while testing is going on. We expect the first 2 days to go through lunchtime. Please call before coming up to volunteer to make sure testing is over.
* Bell’s Crossing was named 1 of 18 Healthy Schools in Greenville County.
* Roughly 75 rising kindergartners attended the Kindergarten Orientation this week.

# Mission, Vision, and Beliefs

# Mission Statement

To Soar and Succeed, To Grow and to Lead

# Our Vision

Inspiring Lifelong Learners or

Lifetime Pursuit of Knowledge

# Beliefs:

1. Independent thinking occurs through engagement
2. Exploration leads to meaningful experiences
3. Teamwork builds collaboration
4. Everyone can be a leader
5. Responsibility creates character

**President-Elect’s Report by Lindsay Howell**

* Membership 2018-2019 – Stephanie Walsh has suggested the idea of a theme for next year’s membership drive. It was suggested that a chrome book be available at Meet the Teacher for parents to submit their membership information. The idea of a family membership is being discussed for next year. This would allow families to buy 1 family membership for $20 rather than just an individual membership.
* The PTA will develop a policy to recognize bereavement among the faculty. The policy will include immediate family only, and will be a gift of $50 max.

**Treasurer’s Report by Christine Way**

* Presented current budget. Motion to approve the budget made by Amber Lenger. Seconded by Diana Hinojos. Approved by all.
* Discussion was held about ways to increase Birthday Announcements on the school sign. Birthdays can be submitted for summer months.

**Ways and Means Report by Stephanie Metcalf**

* School Store – Molly & Nate Perry will be in charge of the school store next year. The store will only be open 2-3 days per week.
* Spirit Nights – Upcoming Events – Twisted Cup (May 24) and Family Skate Night (May 10 at 6:00pm). A check was received from Chick-fil-a for $326.04 for our last spirit night. Tiffany Sanders will chair Spirit Night next year.
* Boosterthon dates have been reserved already for next year.
* Carnival – a meeting will be scheduled to finalize details for Fall 2018. Autumn Cox would like to shadow Stephanie throughout carnival this year.

**Programs Report by Diana Hinojos**

* Publishing Center – A chair is still needed for next year! We are working on several sets of class books right now...most of them were already typed, so we are mostly just assembling.   We do have a stack of books ready to type that have been turned in by individual students and more are expected to come in [before Friday](x-apple-data-detectors://0).  The plan is to close the Publishing Center this  [Friday (May 4)](x-apple-data-detectors://2) so that we have enough time to get all books made and another Author’s Tea in before the end of the year.
* Reflections – School winners will be presented with their awards at the General Assembly meeting on Monday, May 7. The theme for next year’s contest is “Heroes Among Us.”

**Volunteers Report by Arianna Ellerbe**

* VOM nominations – Michelle Ashley was chosen for May due to her involvement with Morning Movement and carline.
* Volunteers are still needed to serve as hall monitors during state testing on May 8, 9, 15, 16.

**Secretary’s Report by Holly Dowling**

* Presented minutes from the April Executive Board Meeting. Motion to approve from Stephanie Metcalf, and seconded by Amber Lenger. Approved without dissent.
* Agenda made for May 7 General Assembly Meeting.

**Communications Report by Amber Lenger**

* This year’s final issue of the Bellringer will be sent electronically. The date for article submission is May 14.

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.**