

# PTA Meeting Minutes

## **Patapsco Middle School PTA Meeting**

**January 17, 2012**

(Approved on February 21, 2012)

Attendance: Cindy Dillon – principal, Alexandra Bloom – teacher representative; PTA Board members Allison Anderson – president, Emily Rice – first vice-president, Caroline Bodziak – second vice president, Kari Schumm – treasurer, Patti Lizzo – corresponding secretary, Tina Siedlecki – recording secretary.

The meeting was called to order by president Allison Anderson at 7:00 pm in the library of Patapsco Middle School. Fifteen members were in attendance. A quorum was present.

Meeting minutes from November 15, 2011 were presented for review, and approved as written.

**Principal's Report:** Cindy Dillon reported that sound mixer in studio blew up (\$7,000); school has paid about \$5,700 to repair so far. School has also purchased some playground equipment. She will speak with Faith about possible PTA reimbursement for some fees. Margie Humm and group of students from FACS learning about financial literacy were featured on ABC-TV2 news; reported promised to come back in March/April to report on fundraising for Ulman. Conferences upcoming for third quarter, letter sent home on Pick-a-Time.

Middle school proposals to meet Race to the Top program and Common Core State Standards for English and Math are still pending. She will attend public works session; last meeting featured 20 speakers who were primarily opposed to the proposal. 19 middle school principals are in consensus about proposed changes. Biggest issue will be timing as we have until 2014 to get ready for the program. Language program and PE changes will have to occur. There will be no more assessments on reading, but it is not true that we are doing away with reading. All students will be exposed to a class that deals with literature. Biggest problem is whether students can generalize reading skills; feedback from high school is that they work with students on dealing with high school expository text. Under the proposal, we will not lose any staff at Patapsco; county-wide, projected to lose 13 people.

**Staff Report:** Ms. Bloom reported that parents should contact Kim Hopkins to volunteer for Notebook Doctor program to help students with organization. Parents should contact Kelly Nitsch ([kelli\\_nitsch@hcpss.org](mailto:kelli_nitsch@hcpss.org)) if want to be part of the Conversation Club, where foreign-speaking parents talk with English-fluent parents in an informal setting to practice language skills.

**Financials:** Kari Schumm presented report of expenditures to date vs. approved budget. Copy attached to minutes. We are ahead of budget for revenue, higher than expected on membership (including general membership donation). 337 parent members and 41 teacher members. Received \$4841 in donations, and have received \$389.20 for box tops. PTA will send to school the teacher reimbursement letters. PTA will reimburse teachers \$25 and Para educators \$15 for instructional materials.

### **Committee Reports:**

**School Spirit:** Winter dance is next Friday. Must have permission slips and purchase tickets in advance of dance. No tickets at door. Volunteer on sign-up genius (PTA website), or contact Caroline Bodziak ([cbodziak@aol.com](mailto:cbodziak@aol.com)). Next event: March 9, 7-10 pm fun night open gym, DJ in cafeteria. Hospitality Committee will be looking for donations for teacher lunch (soup and spuds) on February 16. Volunteer on sign-up genius, email PTA or contact Kim Miller ([kimfmiller@verizon.net](mailto:kimfmiller@verizon.net)).

**Vice President's Report:** School Play. Play production this year will be Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat with shows on 4/27 and 4/28. Emily Rice reported that director from Drama Learning Center came to school to generate interest, trying to get at least same number as last year. DLC is working on improving communication with school and parents.

**President's Report:** Allison Anderson reported that school is completing Md. Green School application due end of March. Ms. Warthan is trying to move it forward before maternity leave. Local PTAs are required to update bylaws this year. Tina Siedlecki volunteered to lead project.

**Door Prize:** Door prize for attendees donated by Peer to Peer Tutors.

### **New Business:**

No new business presented.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Tina Siedlecki