

**Sequoyah Elementary School
PTA General Membership Meeting
Tuesday December 1, 2015 6:30pm**

Attendance (24 per sign in sheet)

Tina Webb	Jean-Yves Van Halle	Taline Diarbi	Doris Ryba
Sandy Walsh	Bobbi Jasper	Stephanie Strahan	Robin Smithgall
Jen Fosco	Berlin Borges	John Moriarty	Ms. Cohen
Carrie Zimmerman	Blanca Conde	Monas Kpakpa	Krithika Swaminathan
Francesca Cannetti	Ganesh Deivasikahmani	Enizo Szorenyie	Tamara Gamins
Margaret Polcawich	Philip Meilleur	Alba Lopez	Summer Nairn

Special Presentation

A special presentation was given by Dr. Jasper and Jen Brookings on the Ready Common Core Program.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:40pm by Tina Webb, PTA President.

Approval of Minutes

The November 6, 2015 meeting minutes was presented for approval. Sandy Walsh motioned to approve the minutes and Stephanie Strahan seconded the motion.

Administration Report by Dr. Jasper

- PARCC results will be ready by the next PTA meeting in February. Results should be better than last year as the test was new and kids did not take it too seriously last year. All parents will get individual reports mailed to their homes.
- County budget time is near. Parents should get involved in this to prevent any budget cuts that can negatively affect our school.
- Parents need to voice their opinions to the school board on the negative impact of the new bell times.
- Staff really appreciated the dinner from the conference day in November.
- January 14 will be Sequoyah's winter concert

Officer Report: Tina Webb

- Clothing drive will begin soon. There will be a large bin outside of the school and the company will come any empty for us and pay per pound.
- The MCPS cluster coordinator has sent a message that they are coordinating a round table discussion about the potential changes in the cluster zoning due to the overcrowding in our area. Wednesday nights at Gaithersburg High from 7:30-9pm.
- International night is January 19

Francesca Canetti-VP of Fundraising

- Restaurant night is next Tuesday at Outta the Way Cafe
- We are continuing with the Shoebox recycling program and the box tops program
- Target is not participating with the store rewards program any longer
- We will be getting pricing for spirit wear in the next few days

Taline Diarbi-Secretary

- We received several thank you cards from staff thanking us for the conference day dinner

Committee Reports Membership

- Sandy Walsh said that messages from PTA need to include the yahoo group to reach out to more families.
- Membership numbers are same as last year
- We will try to implement a new system for communication

New business

- Doris Ryba would like to have a program at Sequoyah called Girls on the Run. We could do this before school not after. She will look into the details and report back.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Taline Diarbi
PTA Secretary