

Sequoyah Elementary School
PTA General Membership Meeting
February 2, 2016

Attendance:

Tina Webb	Bobbi Jasper	Carrie Zimmerman
Doris Ryba	Blanca Conte	Jean-Yves VanHalle
Jose Miguel	Sonia Garcia Conde	Diana Avery
Payal Gulia	Ritesh Sanan	Sherri Boone
Esmerelda Mendoza	Sharita Brown	Kelli Markham
John Moriarty		

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

Last meeting minutes from December 1, 2015 was presented for approval. Doris Ryba motioned to approve last meeting minutes and John Moriarty seconded the motion.

Administration Report by Dr. Jasper

Italian club will be offered starts in Feb and runs till June, its once a week, only a 100 comes out to 15 a lesson

We still have two MCPS snow days left .

Staff has starting to obtain the academic progress in reading and math with the common core. The raw data is looking promising so far as it shows growth on different levels. The I-ready testing for Common core will be administered very soon and by the next PTA meeting the results will be presented for everyone to see.

County has just begun to mail out the Parcc data. Results on PARCC are not as high as prior results from the old testing. However, the new Common Core program is better aligned with PARCC, and this should have a positive impact on this testing.

Our community needs to be very aware of what is going on with the County Council and the plan with the budget. We need to be fully funded to have resources such as books, toner for the printers, and to have money in the capital fund (major equipment). We cannot afford to have any more budget cuts. Magruder High School is holding a budget forum on March 16.

This week is week one of the new semester and the staff will make sure that all of the curriculum will be taught by the end of the year.

Report

Officer Report: Tina Webb

We need a nominating committee at least 3 members to find new officers for our 3 outgoing officers. The presentation of the new officers should be in May with the decision/vote then too. International night has been moved to February 25. There are only 10 tables so far signed up. Now that we have time, we hope to get more people signed up.

Treasurers Report: Jean-Yves

Nothing major to report on the budget. Forms were passed out to all members.

We need to put some people together to conduct an audit on the financials.

Fundraising by Tina

Clothing for Cash is our new fundraiser. There will be a bin outside in our parking lot and you can donate clothing, shoes, stuffed animals and the company will pay .10 per pound.

The brick fundraiser is not going very well and we have not sold a single brick. We have budgeted to make \$3000. We might have to make these numbers up somewhere else. Earth day is on April 22nd and we could push the sales based on that event as a drive instead.

Shoe donation fundraiser boxed need to be shipped out and we will find out afterwards what we made on that.

Rock n Jump is this Thursday. This is only for Sequoyah students. We will get 20% of sales.

Bingo night is Friday March 11. Our original plan was to have the silent auction on this night but there we will not be ready by then.

Book Fair is coming up in April. We should keep the book fair separate from the silent auction.

Dr. Jasper suggested we have the book fair the same time as reading night.

Restaurant night is April 19, location TBD. We would like to do this at Villamaya Restaurant.

Programs by Tina

Tina has scheduled a world- wide cultural arts program with a company called the Dome. They come into the gym and put up a dome to look like a planetarium and do different programs. Each grade will be able to choose their own program. They are 30 minutes long. This will be on Friday April 8. This will cost \$1500.

We need to create a flyer for the after school clubs. We plan to have sports, art, chess and mad science. The chess club will be run by a Sequoyah parent. We need parent volunteers to assist with the bus transportation on Wednesday for after the clubs. Sign up genius will be created for this.

Girls- on- the run is somewhat expensive, \$160 and it's for 3-5 graders and we need 3 instructors. Doris is suggesting that we start this in the fall. We should do a survey monkey to see if there is any interest first.

We still need help with the yearbook-sales and pictures. Pictures can be sent to Andi Dumas.

We need a chair for the 5th grade farewell committee.

Tina has a contact from Magruder High school that will help us to order spirit wear.

Meeting was motioned to be adjourned by John Moriarty at 8:03pm and Dr. J seconded it.

Respectfully Submitted
Taline Diarbi
PTA secretary 2015-2016