

Blair PTSA Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2015
7:00 PM - Blair Media Center

- I. Welcome – Raymond Moreno, PTSA President **(Sign-in sheet)**

- II. Principal’s Report – Renay Johnson **(Powerpoint shown)**
 - Homecoming Dance Saturday October 10 \$20 ticket; volunteers needed for coat check; link on web site to sign up
 - SGA President explained what SGA does including Spirit Week, Blair Congress, blood drives, food drives, pep rallies
 - Introduced staff present at the meeting including grade administrators
 - Theme: “A World of Opportunities”
 - #1 chosen school in the Downcounty Consortium
 - 26 national board certified teachers (the most in the county)
 - Class of 2015: 633; Seniors: 640; Juniors: 727; Sophomores: 880; Freshmen: 850 but still enrolling; 1491 boys and 1428 girls; 33% Latino, 25% black, 22% white
 - Graduation is Friday May 27, 2016 at DAR Constitution Hall
 - Feasibility study for an addition; \$60K per portable
 - October 6 MCPS Choice Study
 - New minority scholars program
 - Need a new larger graduation venue for future classes; parent committee has met
 - New MCPS policies on child abuse and neglect and religious diversity; 5 goals for gender identity norms
 - Follow Ms. Johnson on Twitter
 - Board of Education eliminating final exams
 - PSAT free for all sophomores
 - 41 National Merit semifinalists (based on 11th grade PSAT scores)
 - Blair web site has resources for ACT and SAT; redesigned SAT starts in March

- III. PTSA Business – Diane Friedman and Ray Moreno
 - Introduction of Board members
 - PTSA mission and vision
 - Goal to increase PTSA membership – now free
 - Goal to raise more money so we can do more; Capitol Steps is back
 - School just ordered 2 microwaves
 - 406 members and 350 contributed donations; 328 offers to volunteer
 - Teachers will be joining PTSA soon
 - Annie Rohlin – Citrus Sale has started and the goal is to raise \$14K. Need volunteers on October 2 to stuff 3000 envelopes. Order at www.Blaircitrus.com
 - Merlene – Direct appeal goal is to raise \$32K. Letter will go out in early November.

- IV. Budget Overview and Approval –Dave Williams **(Budget distributed)**
 - \$1200 line item to buy snacks on testing days in May not shown in budget; will re-visit budget in spring
 - If we make and spend what’s shown on the budget we should have \$25K to carry over to next year
 - Painless Fundraising includes Amazon, Giant, etc.

Bowen Fong moved to approve the budget and Michelle Fenton seconded. Budget approved

V. Grade level small group discussion

Meeting adjourned 9:00pm