

Blair PTSA Board of Directors Meeting
November 9, 2015
7pm - Blair Career Center

MINUTES

In attendance: Raymond Moreno, Diane Friedman, Dave Williams, Renay Johnson, Nina Uzick, Anne Fothergill, Deb Hopkins, Beth Allen, Merlene Mazyck, Luke Gao, Rhonda Kent, Samir Paul

1. President's Report– Ray Moreno

Blair Cluster is at BOE tonight; overcrowding is a big issue.

One grant application went out; Community Foundation coming to Blair Thursday to look at things that they have funded with grants like Bliss tutors.

2. Graduation Venue Update - Rhonda Kent

Motgomery College Rockville has a tent with A/C that holds 5000. They would be done with their graduation at 1pm and then Blair could use the tent.

We get \$5000 from MCPS.

DAR can hold 3700.

Need to increase line item in PTSA budget.

Starting graduation 2017, will need another venue. PTSA starting a committee for fundraising – will need to raise \$20-30K.

Comcast Center at U-MD is \$40K.

Marc Levin may do a letter to Blair Alumni.

Someone from DC Convention Center is coming to the next committee meeting.

Currently 4 people on the committee – next meeting is 12/4 at 7:15am.

Cocnern about additional fundraising ask of parents.

Dave moved tht we form a fundraising committee; Diane seconded; motion passed.

3. Principal's Report – Renay Johnson **HANDOUT**

Volleyball, soccer and football teams in playoffs.

Play sold out last weekend.

Blair will be on It's Academic on 12/26.

Many students inducted into various honor societies.

Blair students were on NPR series on girls at 15.

Students can now wear hats – new policy.

Veteran's Day lunch for staff veterans and Ray.

4. Holiday Meet and Greet Idea– Diane

Avoid dates of Blair concerts - December 3/10/17.

Suggestions to call it a winter party, not holiday.

5. Membership –Deb

Sent an email out to all members and created a database of members.

Currently 512 members and the goal is 1000.

Will reach out to teachers.

Every Board member should ask one person to join.

6. Citrus Sale – Ray for Lois

Online sales doubled from last year. Don't know yet what we made.

7. Los Padres – Maria

Event on Saturday from 9-11am with Montgomery County community groups and social services including the library, the Y, rec dept, etc.

Need PTSA help and students can get SSL hours.

Tamales and pupusas.

8. Budget – Dave Williams HANDOUT

Escrip is now back in the budget (we are receiving money).

9. Direct Appeal – Merlene HANDOUT

Community Printing will do all the folding, stuffing and mailing. Cost \$2900 for 2600 letters with an actual stamp.

We need a system to track the donations.

Mailing will go out on the 12th.

Send out a message to let parents know about the direct appeal. Will use PayPal for online giving.

Tara Sheridan worked on the letter and will work on outreach.

Ray will lead the follow-up phone bank.

Maria translated the letter.

Working with Mr. Mayo on a video – ask students “What does one Blair mean to you?”

A parent who owns a sign company could make a banner.

10. Other

Minutes from 10/12– Nina moved to approve WITH ONE EDIT and Dave seconded. Minutes approved.

Minutes from 10/20 0 Maria moved to approve WITH ONE EDIT and Dave seconded. Minutes approved.

Reviewed PTSA Meeting agenda for 11/17.

Handouts: copy of grant and BOE testimony

Meeting adjourned 9pm.