

Blair PTSA Board of Directors Meeting
January 11, 2016
7pm - Blair Career Center

MINUTES

In attendance: Raymond Moreno, Diane Friedman, Dave Williams, Renay Johnson, Nina Uzick, Samir Paul, Maria Portela, Linda Krimm, Deb Hopkins, Olivia Jones

1. Welcome – Ray Moreno

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

Lots of award winners

Next year no finals; quarterly assessments instead

Cluster news: January 14: Blair Cluster meeting at Board of Educ.; Jan. 20 County Exec in SS re: budget

Discussion about recent media coverage and repercussions for Blair students; students in mentoring program having lots of good discussions

3. Bylaws Update – Diane Friedman

Deadline January 15. Need to get bylaws approved by PTSA. Committee is reviewing the bylaws but changes might not be needed.

4. Committee Reports

A. Mini Grants – Linda Krimm reported that the committee is reviewing approx. \$10K in requests (\$10K in budget) - 29 applications and 5 are not PTSA members. There are 5 committee members including Nina. If all \$10K is not awarded, there will not be a 2nd round. Linda will send an email with grant recommendations for the Board to approve. Committee will notify grantees by the end of the month. Need to publicize mini grants to promote PTSA and show impact.

B. Membership – Deb Hopkins

590 members and goal is 1000. 519 parents, 63 teachers, and 6 students. Membership campaigns in January and February. Membership Mondays. Maybe offer discounts to students who are PTSA members to events. Students will join if we give them candy. Deb ordered PTSA t-shirts: "We Are One Blair". We need to make a video showing what we spend PTSA money on and photos too.

C. Treasurer's Report - Dave Williams **HANDOUT**

We have raised more than ½ the income we had planned for.

D. Fundraising – Ray Moreno **HANDOUT**

Capitol Steps March 20 or April 10. Costs \$12K and raises \$18K (nets \$6K)

Ray went over some expense line items that could be cut and possible realistic income projections

International Night Wednesday March 17

Ray and Diane will report back in 2 weeks on fundraising committee and event chairs

5. Board Testimony - Samir Paul

Largest school in city and state and we feel tight budget acutely

Graduation venue issue

Wear red shirts

6. Other

Minutes from 12/14 - Linda moved to approve and Diane seconded. Minutes approved.
Membership Winter Social either February 4 or 11 at SS Firehouse

Meeting adjourned 9pm.