

Blair PTSA Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2016
7:00 PM - Blair Media Center

- I. Welcome – Raymond Moreno, PTA President **sign-in sheet of meeting attendees attached**
 - Direct Appeal Update: 238 donations totaling \$18,373; average gift size is \$77; there will be a fundraising thermometer banner at the entrance of the school
 - Study Circle Process evaluating Blair PTSA leadership and role; meeting with Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; working on a vision statement

- II. Treasurer’s Report – Dave Williams **Report attached**
 - Income at halfway mark; citrus sales income same as last year but line item had been increased this year.
 - If total income is low we will need to look at expenses
 - Lots of expenses still to come including mini grants.
 - Olivia Jones will chair the Capitol Steps event; tentative date Sunday April 24

- III. Nominating Committee – Ray Moreno
 - Olivia Jones is creating a Nominating Committee – PTSA elections are coming up

- IV. PTSA Bylaws Update – Diane Friedman
 - Need to vote at next meeting and then submit form. Probably not requesting any changes. Diane will post info on listserv and on web site in case anyone wants to propose changes.

- V. PTSA Committee
 - Membership – Deb Hopkins – **Report attached**
Currently 613 members (last year 462 at this time) which is 20% and the national PTA goal is 25-50%; our goal is 1000 members or 33%
January and February: “Membership Matters” campaign; need volunteers to man membership table
English department staff has 100% participation
Sending out a Parent and Student survey soon
Winter Social Event February 18 at SS Fire Station
 - Mini Grants- Nina Uzick for Linda Krimm
25 applications; need to put info on mini grants on the web site; need to communicate better all the things the PTSA does
 - BOE testimony – major budget cuts coming and east side of county has lots of issues. Blair has 1 registrar and 1 media specialist; need to get back to 2009 funding levels and we need to lobby now – March is too late.

- VI. Principal’s Report – Ms. Johnson **Report attached**
 - Blair won MD State Science Bowl
 - A Blair freshman won the U-MD Math Competition
 - Blair athletes won a lot of sportsmanship awards
 - Instead of finals there will be quarterly assessments next year; aligned with Common Core

- Career Center offers lots of support
- Jan. 20 MoCo operating budget meeting in Silver Spring
- George Thomas learning academy offers SAT prep

VII. Social Media – Jah-Jah Jackson

To protect your kids, be active on social media. Social media is not anonymous but kids think it is. Apps contain meta data that shows location.

Meeting adjourned 9:00pm