

Blair PTSA Board of Directors Meeting
February 8, 2016
7pm - Blair Career Center

MINUTES

In attendance: Raymond Moreno, Diane Friedman, Dave Williams, Renay Johnson, Nina Uzick, Merlene Mazyck, Samir Paul, Maria Portela, Olivia Jones, Luke Gao, Linda Krimm

1. President's Report – Ray Moreno

Working on One Blair dialogue and study circles

2. International Night – Ray HANDOUT

Date is March 17

SGA leading

Lots of parent involvement – food and culture

Maybe have a camera set up to videotape international parents

3. Principal's Report – Renay Johnson HANDOUT

Wednesday is incoming 9th grade parents meeting.

Handout is what Ms. Johnson gave to the BOE about Blair

4. Winter Social/Membership Update – Diane

Membership Mondays started today

653 members to date

80 staff/21 students

Will show some Blair videos at winter social

5. Update of Budget Meeting Feb. 18

Nina, Ray and Maria met with Leventhal and Hucker.

Need staff positions restored.

Bus leaving from Blair on Monday to go to Annapolis.

Need parents to email County Council and BOE.

6. Treasurer's Report - Dave Williams HANDOUT

\$8900 for minigrants, not \$10K as budgeted

Dave will write up a list of the big expenses still to come

7. Direct Appeal – Merlene Mazyck HANDOUT.

\$12k short of the goal

Need emails from different parents

Someone from after prom should send an email

Need to reach out to rising 9th grade parents.

Linda will send out an email about mini grants.

Need photos to promote PTSA - Silver Chips will send a photographer to events.

Put out jar at every event for donations

Luke suggested a flyer should go home to magnet parents

Ray is looking at expenses and income; waiting to hear about a \$10K grant

8. Capitol Steps – Olivia Jones

Date is May 1

signing contract soon with \$7500 deposit

9. Mini Grants – Linda Krimm

Funded 24 of 25 applications

\$10K requested; awarded \$8900 in grants

Coordination with magnet foundation

10. New Business

John Landsman from MCPS talked about study circles.

Facilitated dialogue to action program.

Bring different people together – diversity in income and race

Student achievement and parent involvement

Building relationships and working together

MCPS working with leadership teams at school and worked with MCPTA

Blair leadership had 2 day retreat and monthly meetings

Maybe study circle for PTSA leadership and follow up – 2 full days /1 day and 2 nights

Meeting minutes from 1/11 and 1/19 - Linda moved to approve and Dave seconded. Minutes approved.

Luke – Blair Counseling week

Raised \$300 – need to put into PTSA budget at next general meeting and get approval

Meeting adjourned 9:10pm.