

Blair PTSA Board of Directors Meeting
September 19, 2016
7pm - Blair Principal's Conference Room

MINUTES

In attendance: Diane Friedman, Maria Portela, Dave Williams, Anne Fothergill, Luke Gao, Linda Krimm, Olga Rosales, Brian Ginyard, Olivia Jones, Renay Johnson, Jenny Apostol DiPaul, Alisha Dixon, Frances Frost, Beth Allen, Deb Hopkins

1. Welcome – Diane Friedman

2. Introductions

3. Board Leadership and Committees – Diane **HANDOUT**

Diane reviewed Board leadership and goals. Some PTSA leadership – Fundraising Chair, 2 Delegates, List-serve and web site managers, Parliamentarian - are not listed in the bylaws. That could be changed in the bylaws but would need the PTSA to vote on it. The Board decided to leave bylaws as is for now.

4. Principal's Report - Renay Johnson **HANDOUT**

- A Blair student died Friday after long illness and another student's mother died today.
- Blair has 41 National Merit Semifinalists – the most in Maryland
- People who volunteer in the school need to take the MCPS child abuse and neglect course for certification
- Blair has started an all-school dinner program
- George B. Thomas Learning Academy is starting Saturday tutoring
- College Readiness Day is October 19
- New this year in MCPS: Dads Take Your Child to School Day

5. Academic Issues – Frances Frost

PTSA Vice President for Academic Affairs' goals:

- Achievement Gap
- DCC and magnet programs and the MCPS Choice Study
- work with student groups including Los Padres and minority scholars
- work with the administration
- MCCPTA meeting with the Board of Ed on October 27
- Jan 5 and 11 - operating budget hearings

6. Budget – Alisha Dixon **HANDOUT**

Budget committee met and reviewed 2016-16 budget and made some Increases and decreases to line items and created a new proposed budget for 2016-17.

The Board made a few changes:

Mini grants reduced to \$8000.

Put grade level incentives back into budget

Diane wants to push painless fundraising including EScrip

Ms. Johnson will ask Phil Gainous to fund his scholarship

Counseling Advisory Committee had proposed last year \$300 for t-shirts for school counselors and it was approved by the membership as a line item change but it didn't get added because it didn't get spent and Board agreed to put that into new budget

Final proposed budget is essentially balanced since things change throughout the year.
Alisha will present the revised budget at the general membership meeting for their approval.

6. Committee Updates

Luke: **HANDOUT**

Counseling Advisory Committee is hosting the College Admissions Panel on September 26 (need volunteers for membership/other) and will do activities during Mental Health Awareness Week in March

Deb: **HANDOUT**

Membership increased 41% last year over the year before; goal of 700 members this year; all Board members need to recruit members

Jenny:

Citrus Sale has begun. Need volunteers to collect paper forms and checks and enter electronically and to do list-serv distribution and coordination. Sale closes November 12. Need volunteers for delivery weekend. Need to put flyers on bulletin boards.

Linda: **HANDOUT**

Mini-grant applications went out yesterday and deadline is October 14. On October 23 the mini grant committee will meet and on November 18 the grants will be awarded.

7. PTSA General Membership Meeting

September 20, 2016

8. Other Business

- Request that the Board could consider teleconference option for Board meetings. Ms. Johnson announced that the October Board meeting cannot meet at the school – that meeting will be a conference call. Plans for future Board meetings to be discussed further.
- Los Padres first meeting Saturday September 24

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.