

Blair PTSA Board of Directors Meeting  
November 15, 2016  
6pm - Blair Media Center

MINUTES

In attendance: Diane Friedman, Maria Portela, Dave Williams, Anne Fothergill, Linda Krimm, Brian Ginyard, Renay Johnson, Lisa Finkelstein, Tara (last name unknown; not a Board member)

**1. Welcome – Diane Friedman**

**2. Treasurer Update**

Alisha has stepped down and Dave Williams has agreed to be the interim Treasurer. He will need to be approved by the general membership.

**3. Mini Grants – Linda Krimm HANDOUT**

There were 35 grant applications requesting \$19,000 in funding and the committee had to make a lot of cuts. Linda put forth two proposals for the Board's consideration: Plan A for \$8000+ and Plan B for \$10,000+. Plan B is an option only if the PTSA has money available. Linda went over the applications and the review process.

Question for the PTSA in the future: How does a staff member get a regular line item put in the PTSA budget versus requesting a mini grant? For example, we see recurring requests like speakers for the Media Center and snacks for the Media Center.

In terms of the PTSA overall budget, Diane said that graduation cost is expected to be \$9000 for the Xfinity Center (vs. \$7500 in the past). Looks like Citrus Sale will profit \$8800 (less than budgeted).

Diane moved to approve Plan B; Dave seconded. Motion passed.

**4. Reflections Program - Diane**

A parent has offered to run this program for Blair PTSA; it is a program through MD PTA. This year's theme is "My Story." Submissions aren't due until March 1.

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

- Request from Mark Levin of Alumni Association to name Blair auditorium "Alumni Hall". They would sell bricks to raise funds. It meets the MCPS guidelines for naming a portion of a facility. Renay moved to approve the request; Linda seconded. Motion passed.
- Maria is now working part-time in Special Ed and Ray Moreno is working full-time as a paraeducator
- Mont. Cty Alliance of Black School Educators is holding an evening of smooth jazz at Blair on Saturday December 10
- Cheerleaders won the County Spirit Award for 12<sup>th</sup> year in a row; Handball team are County champions
- Enrollment is 2975; more ESOL and METS students daily
- November 17 report cards
- Student protest yesterday; MCPS policy allows protest. 800 went to the field and 500 left for the off-campus protest and didn't come back to school.

**6. Committee Updates**

**Membership:** Diane reported from Deb's email that we have 575 members and the English Department has 100% participation. The database will be ready by November 30. January 12 is the winter social date.

**Los Padres:** Maria reported on the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting – cyberbullying presentation from PTSA meeting in Spanish

**8. Other Business**

Linda moved that we approved the October 10 and 18 minutes; Dave seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.