

Minutes of the Board of Directors Business Meeting  
7 pm Tuesday, February 2, 2010  
William B. Gibbs, Jr ES Media Center

Call to Order: The William B. Gibbs, Jr ES PTA, Board of Directors, met on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 in the Gibbs ES Media Center. Katherine Schwartz, PTA Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

In attendance: Katherine Schwartz, Vice President; Dana Walker, Secretary; Amy Kalomiris, Treasurer; Paul Kalomiris, MCCPTA Delegate; Sandy Nail, Gator Gram; Karen Ward, Volunteer Coordinator; Nikki Haddad, Spring Dance, Mother/Son Event, and Staff Appreciation Chair; Jen Sengbusch, Ways and Means Chair. Quorum was met, 25 people attended (see attachment 2). Due to extenuating circumstances, Sue Amick, PTA President and India Whitehead, NAACP Representative attended the meeting at a later time.

Minutes: Accepted as presented with no corrections.

President Report: Katherine Schwartz, Vice President, reported on behalf of Sue Amick, President. We received great feedback regarding the Father/Daughter dance.

Secretary Report: Dana Walker, Secretary, reported that there was no correspondence this month.

Treasurer Report: Amy Kalomiris, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report (see attachment 1). Total assets balance is \$ \$17,684.12.

MCCPTA Delegate Report: Paul Kalomiris, MCCPTA Delegate, reported the Delegates Assembly was held last week. The biggest issue right now is MCPS has a significant fine for maintenance of effort for the current school year. The delegates approved a resolution supporting legislation proposed by the Montgomery County delegation to the State Legislature that would grant the County a one-time waiver of the penalty. The legislation has been introduced in the state legislature and will be followed closely by MCCPTA.

NAACP Representative Report: India Whitehead, NAACP Representative, reported she couldn't attend January NAACP meeting. Briefly discussed activities planned for students this month in honor of Black History Month. If you are interested in joining the NAACP Committee at Gibbs please contact India (india12800@gmail.com). A budget for this committee has not been established at this time.

Principal's Report: Kim Bosnic, Principal, thanked parents and PTA for many activities (eg. Father/Daughter Dance, Staff Appreciation, Cultural Arts assembly). Announced upcoming events (e.g. Valentines Day parties, REACH, and testing windows). All parents are invited to attend their child's Valentine classroom party which starts at 2:15pm on February 12<sup>th</sup>. MSA is March 8th, 9th, 12th, and 15th for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades. TERRA NOVA 2 is in April for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Kindergarten Orientation is April 29th and 30th. February is Black History Month and we are celebrating by noting various African Americans on the TV monitor in the lobby and having classrooms discussions as appropriate.

Science Expo: Chris Youstra, Staff Development Teacher, presented the vision of science at Gibbs and discussed the Science Inquiry Conference (see attachment 3). It will be held on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

from 2-5pm and it is open to all Gibbs students. Answered questions from the floor. The program is \$650 in cost. Global Children's Center offered to make a donation to help with the cost of medals for participant's in the event. The committee needs scientists and facilitators to volunteer to help make this conference successful. A handout "First Science Inquiry Conference" went home today which has a volunteer sheet attached.

**MOTION 1:** Chris Youstra, Staff Development Teacher and PTA member, moved that our PTA allocate \$300.00 to the upcoming science inquiry conference which will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion approved by voice vote.

Spring Dance: Nikki Haddad, Co-Chair, referred to the Chair's report (see attachment 4) and announced the dance will be March 12th from 7-8:30pm and the cost will be \$5/family. Families must register ahead of time and families should sign up early since there is limited space due to fire code.

Staff Appreciation: Nikki Haddad, Co-Chair, referred to her report (see attachment 5) and thanked all of the parents who have contributed monetarily to this fund.

Mother/Son Event: Nikki Haddad, Co-Chair, referred to her report (see attachment 6) and announced it will be February 19<sup>th</sup> with the movie starting at 7pm. There will be a collection of canned goods for Germantown HELP. Sue Amick, President, reported that she has gotten some parent inquiries about Mother/Daughter and Father/Son events. The PTA will be looking into different groupings next year.

Ice Cream Social: Karen Ward, Chair, inquired about vendors for the Ice Cream Social. Discussion ensued.

Family Picnic: Karen Ward, Chair, reported it will be a large event. Discussed ideas committee is considering. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact Karen Ward at wardkk@msn.com.

Nominating Committee: Karen Ward reported that herself, Jen Sengbusch, Janet Sanchez, Paulette Cabrara, and Kim Cox are the committee members. Sue Amick, President, stated she will put the committee's contact information on the listserv if anyone would like to give input on nominees. The committee will present names in April as well as nominations from the floor will be taken. Voting for officers will be in May.

Spirit Night: Karen Ward, on behalf of Jeanne Shawahin, Chair, reported the committee is considering a spirit night at Red Robin.

Directory: Katherine Schwartz, Vice President, read Rani Schlenoff's, Chair, report (see attachment 7).

Ways and Means Report: Jen Sengbusch, Chair, referred to her report (see attachment 8).

#### New Business:

- Karen Ward is looking into doing a Gibbs Yard Sale either May 1<sup>st</sup> or May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Donna Pfeiffer, Clarksburg Cluster Coordinator, presented information on the overcrowding of schools in the Clarksburg Cluster and the need for new schools despite the fact that our cluster is in a state of moratorium (no more building of schools). She requested our presence at the County Council meeting on the evening of February 9<sup>th</sup>, time to be determined. One of the cluster coordinators will be stating our cluster's position as we stand in the background in

Clarksburg colors (powder blue and dark blue) holding pre-made signs. The County Council meeting will be held at 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD. Please come and show your support so our cluster can be in the pipeline for building new schools in the next 5 years. Sue Amick will send out information on the listserv as soon as we know the time of our presentation.

- Donna Pfeiffer, Clarksburg Cluster Coordinator, reported updates on the Monocacy Round Table discussions regarding ways to repopulate Monocacy ES so it doesn't have to close.. Meeting date has not been determined. Donna is participating in these round table discussions so if you want her to say anything on your behalf please contact her at nbpdlp@comcast.net.

Announcements:

Next PTA meeting will be Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 7 pm in the Media Center. Erin Del Balzo, Reading Specialist at Gibbs, will be presenting information on GT testing.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Dana Walker, Secretary