

PTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, 8:45 a.m.

**In attendance:** Holly Searl, Principal; Debra Olson, President; Nora Rigby, Vice President; Andrea Green, Treasurer; Allison Rabin, At-Large Member, Upper Grades, Miwa Kamras, At-Large Member, Lower Grades; Kate Gardner, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Debra Olson at 8:45 a.m.

**President's Update, Debra Olson**

- **Election Event**
  - President Olson shared that in addition to having coffee for the parents on the morning of November 8<sup>th</sup>, students will participate in a special election to vote to support one of five children's charities, each tied to a Dr. Seuss book (e.g. *Green Eggs and Ham—Feed the Children*). We will count the ballots and announce the winning charity the next day, with nationwide winners announced in December. President Olson to coordinate coffee from Three-Fifty Bakery.
- **Games Night**
  - President Olson announced that our first Game Night of the school year sponsored by Labyrinth Games, the YMCA, and the Ross PTA is Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. with pizza dinner during the first half hour in the cafeteria. Vice President Rigby to coordinate the event and discussion regarding parent volunteer recruitment followed.
- **Holiday Tree Sale**
  - President Olson reported that all trees have been ordered and we will hold sales the first two weekends in December, instead of the Thanksgiving weekend. Tree sale volunteers, service projects, and PK3/PK4 bake sale were discussed.
- **Summer Camp Fair**
  - The board discussed and agreed to push the Summer Camp Fair to next year and send information about a more robust school fair in Alexandria: the [2017 Camp Fair](#) will be held on Wednesday, February 15, from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at TC Williams King Street Campus (3330 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302).

**Principal's Update, Holly Searl**

- **November 16<sup>th</sup> PTA General Body Agenda**
  - The board discussed the agendas for the next few PTA General Body meetings, along with child care logistics.

**Treasurer's Update, Andrea Green**

- **Finances**
  - Treasurer Green reported that we have spent \$64K this Fall and agreed that the Membership Drive will bring needed funds since recent outlays on technology. It was also recommended to start the Fall Membership Drive sooner next year to be followed up with a \$1K capital campaign.

**At-Large Member, Lower Grades, Miwa Kamras**

- **Social Justice/Community Service Committee Update:**

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- Lower School Rep. Kamras shared that the K/1 classes kicked-off their social justice-focused curriculum with a neighborhood walk to notice differences around them that will serve as a starting point for discussing inequity. Kamras also informed the board that the Student Leadership Team (SLT) has selected to partner with Martha's Table to create opportunities for families to take action together.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.**

**Next EB Meeting is moved to Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

MEETING MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY KATE GARDNER, SECRETARY