

Ross Elementary School
PTA General Body Meeting Minutes
November 8th, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Welcome & President's Update: Nora Rigby, PTA President

- President Rigby called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and welcomed all to the second PTA meeting of the 2017-2018 school year.
 - o President Rigby reviewed the mission and purpose of the Ross PTA, including fundraising to provide programs and resources to enhance the instructional experience at Ross and make it the excellent neighborhood that it is.
 - o President Rigby also reviewed our main revenue targets that help us meet our annual goal of raising \$144,000. Please see slides for additional information.

Discussion of D.C. Comprehensive School Plan and Ross Goals, Holly Searl, Principal

- Principal Searl reviewed DCPS' strategic priorities (to promote equity, empower our people, ensure excellent schools, educate the whole child, and engage families) and initiatives and how they fit with the goals of Ross Elementary (including continuing to be an excellent school, with excellent feeder schools, with increasing enrollment and re-enrollment). Please see slides for details.

Field Update, Kari Cunningham, Vice President

- President Rigby introduced Vice President Cunningham, President of the Friends of Stead Park and the current commissioner for the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B07.
 - o Vice President Cunningham provided an update on the state of the Ross athletic field. As our field is reaching its maximum useful life with no plans and funds from DGS to replace it in the near future, she shared the Board's recommendation that we update our artificial turf with a more organic and maintenance-friendly infill this school year with funds that the PTA approved and released for this purpose. The Board will keep the school apprised of replacement options and timing.

Financial Update, Matt Adinolfi, Treasurer

- Treasurer Adinolfi presented on the state of our finances. Please see financial presentation for details of revenue and expenses to date.

Announcements

- President Rigby shared information about the following upcoming events:
 - o 2nd Annual Ross Movie Night
 - An American Tail will be shown tomorrow night, Thursday, November 9th with pizza and popcorn for sale; dress warmly!

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o 5th Grade Martha's Table Food Drive

Please continue to send contributions for the food drive until November 17th. The class with the most donations will receive a Free Dress Day.

o 10th Annual Holiday Tree Sale: December 2 & December 3, 2017

Parent Diana Dezso is chairing one of Ross' largest fundraisers this year that will be one weekend only and asks that we volunteer for slots to either deliver or sell trees, as well as purchase a tree, and use social media to spread the word about our 10th Annual Holiday Tree Sale. PK3 Parent, Laura Tischler and PK4 Parents, Stefanie Schneider & David Alpert, are chairing Saturday's Bake Sale and ask that families either contribute baked goods or their time to sell items on Saturday, December 2nd.

o EdFest

D.C.'s citywide school fair will be held on Saturday, December 9th at DC Armory and we need a few volunteers for Ross' booth.

o Auction

The 10th Annual Auction will be held on Saturday, April 21st, 2018 at the Human Rights Campaign Building. Chairperson Geraldine Gardner will have the Ross Auction Committee kickoff meeting on November 29th to start preparing for the procurement and theme of the Auction and invites volunteers to join.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Next General Body Meeting Date is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY KATE GARDNER, SECRETARY