



PTA General Body Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 7th, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

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

- President Rigby called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and welcomed all to the third PTA meeting of the 2017-2018 school year.
- o Field Update: President Rigby informed the community that the Board is waiting until late Spring or Summer to move forward with turf replacement due to weather issues and for the final report with infill guidance from the DC Artificial Turf Interagency Work Group that is meeting regularly to review playing surface safety research and field maintenance best practices.

State of the School, Holly Searl, Principal

- Principal Searl announced that we have the highest enrollment ever at 181, with a budget projection of 183 students. Principal Searl reviewed Ross reading and math assessment data; announced that the DCPS Panorama survey to measure school climate and satisfaction will be administered from March 5th through March 18th; and stressed attendance matters and reminded families that if students miss more than 10% of the school year, they are considered chronically absent based on DCPS attendance policy. Please see attached slides for details.

Online Safety for Children

- Metropolitan Police Department Detective, Timothy Palchak, who works in an undercover capacity in which he targets pedophiles online, gave a presentation on how to protect our kids, such as teaching them how to protect their privacy, setting house rules, and continually dialoguing about online safety. He also shared some useful resources, e.g. [Net Smartz Kids](#), how to start conversations, and what to look out for. Discussion ensued regarding using software and apps as an extra layer of protection and Mrs. Juriga mentioned hosting future parent workshops on kids' digital well-being.

Ross PTA Financial Report, Matt Adinolfi, PTA Treasurer

- Treasurer Adinolfi presented the PTA's financials: our available funds total \$106,000 and our disbursements are all on track, as well. Treasurer Adinolfi noted that our biggest fundraiser, the 10th Annual Auction, is still to come on April 21st. Please see attached statement of activity through January, 2018 for details.

Beanstack Reading Program Overview, Lisa Juriga, Librarian

- Our Librarian and ELL teacher, Mrs. Juriga, presented on the citywide reading initiative, "Read Across the City: The Three Million Minute Challenge", challenging the DCPS community to read more, with a goal to hit three million minutes by April, 2018. Mrs. Juriga shared that we are using the [BeanStack](#) program, software that helps us track how much we have read on any computer or mobile device. Mrs. Juriga noted that we have already exceeded our school goal of reading 10,380 minutes.



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PTA Mother's & Father's Day Book Drive, Eugenie Agia, Book Drive Chair

· Parent Eugenie Agia announced that we will be holding our Annual Mother's & Father's Day Book Drive Fundraiser from Friday, April 27 through Monday, April 30th this year to raise funds for the Ross Library. She shared that participants donate \$25 to purchase a book in the name of a loved one or favorite teacher and the PTA will send the honoree a letter informing them of the gift in their name; a bookplate inscribed with the names of both the donor and honoree are placed in the purchased book, which the Ross students will enjoy for years to come. She informed the PTA that letters to honorees will arrive by Mother's Day (May 13, 2018), Father's Day (June 17, 2018) or sometime in between (for General Book Donations) and noted that in years past, this event has raised between \$6000 - \$8000 to buy books!

PTA Auction Update, Geraldine Gardner, Auction Chair

· Parent and Auction chairperson, Geraldine Gardner, provided information on the upcoming 10th Annual Ross Auction to be held on Saturday, April 21st at the Human Rights Campaign Building with an 80s theme. She asked that not only families and community members attend, but also consider donating items, such as a home-cooked meal featuring the cuisine of your own country, babysitting services, or photography skills. She highlighted to our families and community members that the event is free, but to please [RSVP to attend](#).

Teacher Appreciation Update, Miwa Kamras, Justice & Kindness Committee Chair,

·Parent Miwa Kamras announced that Ross will celebrate our amazing teachers & staff from April 30th through May 4th this year and asked for volunteers to sign up to help with the special events planned for the week.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: The next PTA General Body Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16th at 6:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY KATE GARDNER, SECRETARY

Ross Elementary “State of the School”

- ▶ Enrollment
- ▶ Reading Performance
- ▶ Math Performance
- ▶ Climate & Culture

Enrollment

- ▶ Current Enrollment: 181
- ▶ Enrollment MOY 2017: 173
- ▶ Approved enrollment projection for FY19: 183

Reading Performance

Grade	BOY	MOY	EOY
K	72%	48%	
1	78%	81%	
2	82%	79%	
3	50%	64%	
4	79%	89%	
5	76%	76%	

- ▶ **PK3/PK4:** assess letter ID, letter sounds, concepts about print, writing name
- ▶ **PK4** launches Guided Reading for select students second semester
- ▶ **Writing Focus:** Comprehensive School Plan
- ▶ **BOY:** 0% at target
- ▶ **MOY:** 25% at target

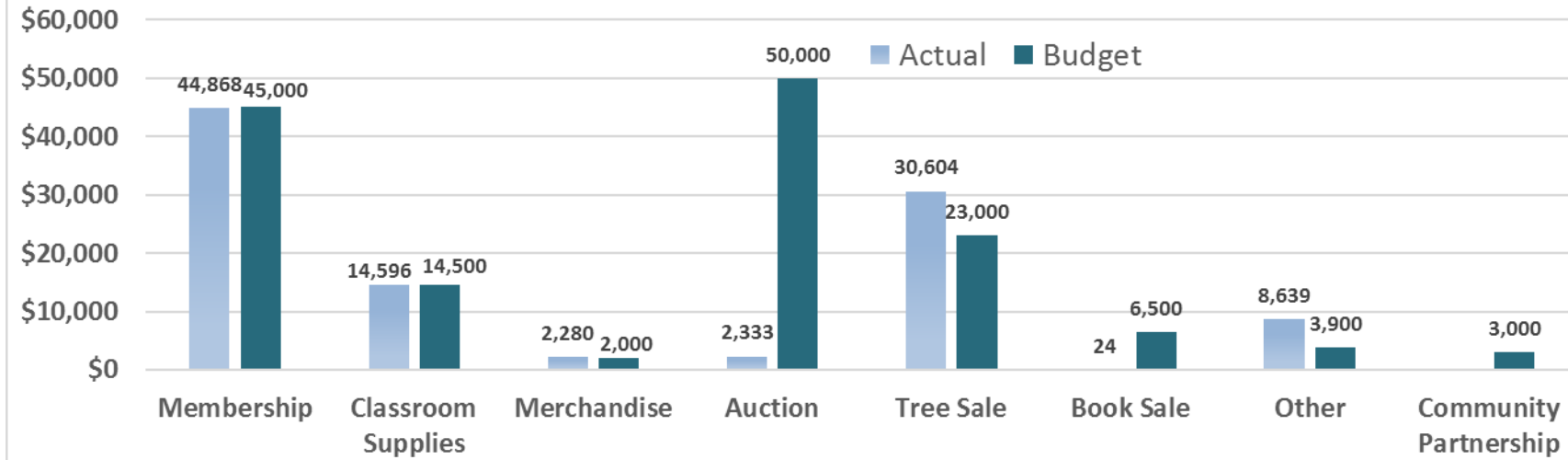
Math Performance

Grade	BOY	MOY	EOY
2nd	50%	86%	
3rd	42%	80%	
4th	76%	77%	
5th	91%	86%	

Climate and Culture

- ▶ New Panorama Satisfaction Survey
- ▶ Current Attendance Rate:
 - ▶ 2016: 97%
 - ▶ 2017: 96%
 - ▶ Current class range: 94.1% to 96.3%
- ▶ SEL Focus: Mindfulness Pilot and Second Step

Revenue



Expense

