

Sparks Elementary School PTA Minutes
November 3, 2010

The meeting was called to order by PTA President, Stacey Krotee, at 7:03pm.

In attendance

Stacey Krotee, Meghan Parker, Ed Kohlenstein, Karla McClintock, Peg Weigel, Ashley Eckman, Amy Lime, Anna Sienkiewicz, Sharon Kearney, Lynn Traynor, Susan Stephenson, Renee Genco, Aimee Klink

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes from October 6, 2010 were approved.

Officer and School Report

Principal Sharon Kearney thanked all who volunteered and attended all October events; Book Fair, Ice Cream Social, Yearbook Signing, Halloween parade and classroom parties. With some Book Fair money from last year Sparks purchased a new LCD projector and used the rest to supplement some funds from this year's Book Fair to purchase resource books for use with the Mimio boards.

Family Math Night was fun for all and will continue.

The illustrator of the Fancy Nancy books is coming to Sparks on Nov. 8th to meet with K-2 grades and books will be available for sale.

Blood Drive - Nov.9th.

Toy Story 3 will be the movie for Family Movie night on Nov.12.

Report Card Distribution the week of Nov.15th.

American Education Week: Lisa O'Neill and Judy Rusins will co-chair this week: K & 1 Nov. 16th, 2 & 3 Nov. 17th, 4 & 5 Nov.18th; Grandparents/Special Persons day will be on Nov. 19th. The Cockeysville Police will be contacted for assistance in parking for Nov.19th

Elementary Conference Day is Nov. 22nd (schools closed for students).

Sparks Student Council will have 25 representatives from both the 2009 and 2010 Student Council at Dr. Ben Carson's meeting on April 4th .

Kennedy Krieger Festival of Trees theme this year is "Under the Sea with the Sparks Sharks."

SIT report - Playgrounds - It would cost at least \$15,000 to switch the existing equipment due to equipment and footing removal which BCPS has never done before so other options will be explored such as more cushioning, raising the ground or building boundaries.

Kate Russell had a healthy new baby boy!

Long term subs are being hired for Karen Ballard (already hired) and Christie Todd(interviewing soon).

Ashley Eckman thanked everyone for the great Halloween parade and parties.

Karla McClintock reminded that Reflections packets are available in the office.

Budget Report

Renee Genco announced that Room Parent collection amounts have been announced and room parent expenses need to be submitted (original slips) to track and reimburse.

Sparks PTA has spent \$2500 which financed the Ice Cream Social, Mobile Science Lab and teacher classroom budgets.

Committee Reports

Stacey Krotee reported there are 338 PTA members so far!

Volunteer computer is running and volunteer hours can also be logged online.

The monthly Volunteer Incentive program(for those who enter volunteer hours for that month) is up and running.

Anyone who still needs volunteer training this year should contact the office.

Anna Sienkiewicz reported that surveys regarding the New Family Picnic will be sent out.

Meghan Parker and Peg Weigel reported that the Book Fair made a total of \$15,362 this year which raised \$3,841 in revenue for Sparks! Will request for October 10-14 next year.

Current Business

Ice Cream Social - over 850 people attended this year. The need for more outdoor lighting as well as additional outdoor supervision for next year was discussed. The date for next year will be October 14th.

Please submit any information for Sharkbytes to Meg.

New Business

A Boo-Hoo breakfast is being talked about for next year.

A Spring Fair Chair and date are still needed.

An Evaluation Committee Chair is still needed.

Sparks Student Council will continue to collect items for the Hereford Food Bank.

The National PTA offers training programs at no expense to participating schools so those programs will be looked into.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 pm and was passed unanimously.