

Monocacy Elementary School

March Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 3rd, 2009

Meeting Location: Resource Room

Attendance: Dawn Albert, Twyla Insalaco, Ryan Hemingway, Dawn Espinoza, Rick Boe, Dorrie Ballman, Maria Wasilik, Ms. Brown, Ms. Duranko

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Minutes:** Secretary (Bonnie) - February minutes reviewed and approved
3. **Reports:**
 - a. Principal's Report (Ms. Duranko) – Kindergarten information night – March 25th for families to learn about K at MES starts at 7pm followed by a Parent Information night at 8pm regarding next school year; Kindergarten orientation – April 17th for incoming K students and their families; A Promethean Board (upper-end technology teaching tool) will be installed in the Staff Development Room; Dr. Weast rolled out his new vision for the county: Seven keys to college readiness showed a correlation between students doing math 6 in Grade 5 and going to college; possible presentation of this at May's PTA meeting; This month is stressful for staff due to the MSA (Maryland School Assessment for 3-5th grade; Staffing allocations for next school year must be decided shortly; PTA voted to earmark the full amount of \$1200 for curriculum support toward a second Promethean board with installation date to be determined. This will not cover the full cost.
 - b. President's Report (Dawn) – end of year staff luncheon at Comus Inn, 6/16 (Dreama)
 - c. Vice-President's Report (Twyla)
 - d. Treasurer's Report (Ryan) – waiting for additional bids for new sound system
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Kathryn Beich – plan to return to Sally Foster for next fall year; cookie dough for spring
 - b. Book Fair – (Katrin) – April 27 – April 30
 - c. Spirit Wear – (Raissa/Ryan) – sell at Festival of Nations, Muffins for Moms (4/29)
 - d. Festival of Nations – (Dawn E.) – March 20th; Looking for families to participate
 - e. Cultural Arts – (Beth P.) - A+ Assemblies on April 3rd at 1:30pm for all grade levels.
 - f. Yearbook – (Dorrie/Barbara) – deadline March 6th
5. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Enrollment - need new tri-fold for Poolesville Chamber welcome bags for new residents; also discussed posting flyers in local businesses
 - b. Fundraising – sound system – new prospect to submit proposal for \$5000 or less
 - c. Art fair – Ms. Duffy coordinating with future PTA meeting
6. **New Business:**
 - a. summer skills retention – considering programs/options
 - b. summer event for new students – discussed new program to introduce new families to MES
 - c. Earth Hour – switch off your lights for one hour – Saturday March 28, 8:30 – 9:30pm
7. **Announcements:**
 - a. Cuginis Dining for Dollars – Mondays in March and April (10% to MES)
 - b. Brick Sale orders due March 6th; Cookie Dough orders due March 12th
 - c. Festival of Nations March 20th
 - d. Kindergarten Open House March 25th – please spread the word
 - e. Drama Club production of The Little Mermaid April 2nd 1:30pm and 7:00pm
 - f. Spring Showcase/SGA Silent Auction – April 30th
 - g. Next meeting – April 14th at 7pm, Exec Board meeting at 6:30pm – Board Nominations