

PTA Minutes October 4, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

There were more than 25 people in attendance including staff and parents.

Trica, PTA president, introduced staff and executive board members.

PTA elections:

- Fred for President: from Kenya. He has been in the community for the past 3 years. He has a kindergartener at Roscoe Nix Elementary.
- Rick Johnson for Treasurer: has a kindergartener at Roscoe Nix Elementary.
- Eric Jeffries for Corresponding Secretary.

The three persons above were voted into their respective positions.

Sign up for list serv with your email address to stay in touch. Membership forms are available at each PTA meeting. You can leave your check with any Executive Board Member.

Principal Report:

Cresthaven Elementary:

- Congratulations on the new Executive Board Members.
- Back to School night was great. Great information was provided.
- Monday October 10: Open House from 9am to 2pm. Parent coffee with the Principal and the Vice Principal from 10am to 11am.
- Tuesday October 11: 5th grade field trip at Strathmore Music Hall.
- October 20: Family Involvement Community at 4pm in Media Center. Get involved and give input/feedback.
- Next week: 4th grade will learn about nature at the Smith Center.

Roscoe Nix Elementary:

- Monday October 10: Open House. Spend time with your child in the classroom, for specials, at recess and lunch. There will also be a Parent Math Workshop at 2pm. You could win a Target Gift Card!
- Thursday October 13: Cultural Arts Program at 9:15am and 10:15am. Parents are welcome. Also Hispanic Heritage Event at 6:30pm.
- Thursday October 20: Math event at 6pm with dinner. Also get math kits to take home.
- No Halloween parade this year.
- We are looking for parent representatives to give their input regarding the grading system. There are 3 meetings (October 19, February 2, and June 6) held in the Board Room in Rockville from 7pm to 8:30pm.

Budget approval for the year:

This is the budget from last year. If there is a need, the Executive Board will review this budget, make necessary changes, and bring the new budget to the next PTA meeting for the changes to be voted by the PTA. The budget was voted and approved.

Volunteer opportunities:

The Book fair is coming up and we need volunteers. We will contact those who have already signed up but we need more!

Sue Delany is the Cluster Representative. Each Elementary School feeds into a Middle School and into 3 High Schools. They all make a cluster. Each High School has a specialty. The High School is chosen by lottery if a choice school is not the designated school. There are also magnet programs for Middle Schools and High Schools. If you have any questions, you can contact Trica.

Fundraisers:

Sonya and Marlena are the Fundraiser Representatives.

- Dinner night every month.
- Workshops at school and international events.
- Market Day groceries: this is a monthly fundraiser. You can participate any month, as many times as you wish. Online orders are possible as well as paper orders. Delivery is at Roscoe Nix. Payments can also be made with EVT cards. Money earned will be used for both campuses (Cresthaven is looking for more playground equipment and Roscoe Nix needs educational supplement).

At every meeting, we will have child care available. There is a donation box at the entrance for those who can contribute but contributions are purely voluntary.

Also at each PTA meeting, we will present information about both campuses, then speakers will have a presentation on how to better help our children at home. Tonight's presentation is about the new grading system.

We are one school with two campuses. So if you see an event you are interested in, you can attend, no matter where your children go.

Parents, we need your help! If you are good at writing grants, please contact us. If you are good at anything else, contact us! We have a place for everyone. The first half year, the PTA meetings will be held at Roscoe Nix Elementary. The second half of the year (February to June), the meetings will be held at Cresthaven Elementary.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.