

Germantown Elementary School PTA Minutes

January 5, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Kimmi Photinakis at 7:07pm.

In Attendance

Approximately eleven parents and Ms. Bryant.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were reviewed from the December 1st meeting and a motion to amend the minutes was made by Ms. Bryant. In the Principals Report it should read: "Goal – *to get the MSA scores up*". A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jen Brill and seconded by Kelly Meredith.

Icebreaker

This month's icebreaker from Ms. Bryant was a game called Four Corners. A good way to get to know people!

President's Report

- Nothing new to report.

Vice President's Report

- Nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report

- We have approximately \$3900 on hand.

Delegate/Cluster Rep Report

- Nelton Castro attended two meetings on January 4th – one at Northwest and one in Rockville. Some of the discussions involved Monacacy Elementary. There may be no boundary study done for that school according to those in attendance at the meeting.
- The feasibility study for Germantown Elementary is projected to start in the summer.
- At the meeting in Rockville, the budget was discussed. Shortfall in taxes could leave the county \$85 million short in the budget. Possible recommendation on cuts on the MCPS website. We need to provide to our Cluster Rep what is the most important thing that we don't want cut.
- Possibility of GES to host NW Cluster meeting, May 10. Ms. Bryant to check GES calendar and room availability.
- After discussion, the PTA has decided to hold a community meeting in place of next month's regular meeting, to inform the surrounding

neighborhoods the superintendent's recommendation for GES and how it can affect them.

Committee Reports

- **Cultural Arts** - Lorelei Castro went over plans for Pajama Reading Night which is January 29th and Reach week kick off is February 9th with Joe Romano. Joe will also be selling his book for \$10 and GES will get \$4 for every book sold.

Principal's Report

- Approximately 20 families were supported during the holidays between Germantown Help and our GES community. Thanks to families that were able to send in gift cards. Staff purchased lots of gifts for families. Four staff members came in to help sort and deliver gifts on the Wednesday before the official break even though school was closed and they didn't have to work!
- Clubs session ends tomorrow. Next session will begin in early February. Be on the look out for new registration forms within the next few weeks.
- Joint activity with PTA is the Reading PJ Night...looking forward to that especially after the very successful Math Night in mid-December.
- Need GES community support – County Council approving the Superintendent's recommended operation budget! Ramifications for small schools.
- Walk-through experience with quad-cluster principals went very well! Our mission was quite evident throughout the building – classrooms, hallways, people, etc.
- No school January 18th and 25th.

Announcements

- Restaurant night on January 13th at Vocelli Pizza to benefit the 4th and 5th grade classes.

Adjourn

- A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Meredith and seconded by Marti Shields.