

Meeting brought to order at 9 am.

14 Members\* present. 17 people present total.

### **New Business**

President's Update:

- Fall Bookfair is ending today. We collected over \$350 in spare change over 2 days and Scholastic will match our donation and send books to schools affected by the Hurricanes.
- We had a huge turnout for International Night, (861 people approximately) great performances and outstanding food. Thank you so much to the chairs for their amazing job.
- Upcoming events:
  - Teacher Cookie Swap, December 14th
  - Next PTA Meeting January 12, 2018
- KG PRIDE Awards to Nadya Abhyankar and Mirtha Arce Maldonado, International Night Chairs and Carrie Schymanski, ROAR Editor.

Treasurer's Update:

- Financials to Date
- 2017-2018 Budget

Discussion: A member noted the change on the budget from March Madness to the Fun Run. It was noted that this notification happened at the September meeting. Several members advocated to bring back the March Madness event this school year or in the future. A motion was made to add March Madness to next year's budget, however, it was noted by the PTA Secretary that we did not have quorum present.

It was suggested that folks would like to have a basketball event anyway and to do something slightly different. There was support from membership to try something new. The general consensus within the room was that members would like to have further discussion.

The PTA will add the fundraiser discussion to the January agenda, ensure the decision to change the spring event from March Madness to a Fun Run is communicated to the KGES community at large through the ROAR newsletter.

Principal's Highlights:

- Buses: the county is changing all the buses due to overcrowding and chronic lateness. The county is condensing 9 buses to 8. Ms. McGuigan is trying to work with the county to ensure everyone gets on a bus and can be safe. Ms. McGuigan will send out a

reminder when the bus number changes. She is going to ensure the teachers have a list, student by student for the new bus numbers.

- Family Life Education classes are coming up, we will send out a link so that parents can look at the information at home or you can come in and view it at the school.
- Impact Aid funding forms will come home at November 1st.
- A question was asked regarding parent-teacher conferences: what is the requirement? There is no requirement beyond Kindergarten. While there is no requirement teachers usually do schedule conferences except in the upper grades.
- Parents are encouraged to talk to regional leaders about KG facilities. Ms. McGuigan continues to advocate for new trailers and updated facilities to accommodate our student population, now over 1,000 students.
- In response to a question about max students per classroom, the Department of Education standard is 35 students per classroom.
- The new Superintendent will be speaking at Longfellow Middle School. A Keep in Touch message will be sent to parents as a reminder.
- Kiss and Ride: One parent pointed out that kiss and ride continues to be a mess, specifically citing the traffic difficulties on Lumsden street. Ms. McGuigan stated she asked for signage on Lumsden street but it was not supported by the county. Police did say they would ticket cars parked in front of the stop sign which caused a bottleneck as folks turned the corner from Melbourne to Lumsden.
  
- Motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 10:03 am.

\*Members self-identified on sign in sheet.