

## Kent Gardens General PTA Meeting September 27, 2019

Called to order: 0852

31 Members present

Motion to approve minutes from June meeting, motion approved

### New Business:

- Treasurer's Report: Budget and Audit Presentation
  - Explanation from Susan that this year we have hired an external bookkeeper to assist in reconciliation and reporting of accounts.
- One & Done
  - At almost \$39,000 (slightly below last year's amount).
  - Aiming for 50% participation – last year we had 33%
- Fall Programs
  - Academies through Enrichment Matters will start on 10/7
  - Other offerings include Chess, MC2, MTC, Food Bus, and Science Olympiad
- Proposed slate for 2019-2020 executive board: vote approved

### Upcoming Events:

- Walk & Bike to School Day
- Picture Day
- Book Fair
  - Still looking for volunteers for spring book fair committee
- International Night 12/7

### Other:

- Still looking for support for library, health clinic, art, book fair, school tours, coats for kids
- Ledo Pizza night was a success

### Questions/Suggestions:

- Send out emails to school toward the end of One & Done to get parents interested in the competition aspect – provide leaderboard stats for which class might win gift card and pizza party.
- Provide as much detail as possible as to where PTA funds are directed

### Principal's Update:

- FCPS Parent Resource Center Workshops are great, there is a YouTube channel with past presentations.
- Late busses have been an issue this year. Hope to provide communication detailing problem directly from FCPS Transportation Office.
- Huge class sizes in K and 3.
  - Have hired an additional 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher – more information on process to create new class to follow.

- Best practices for 1:1 technology are being explored. What is best use of technology at home? Should 6<sup>th</sup> graders be able to take laptops home (after signing updated contracts)?
- CoGAT testing is coming up.
- Today will be the first KGPRIDE assembly of the year.
- Recess now stands at 30 minutes daily, up to individual grade level to determine how to use the time.
  - Review of playground accidents and request for more mulch.
- Kiss & Ride a disaster: How can KG manage what happens in the neighborhood?
  - Suggestion to create a Safety Parents Group
  - Send monthly transportation emails on a monthly basis

Meeting adjourned at 0943

Next meeting October 25