

**Bodkin Elementary PTA  
General Meeting Minutes  
September 16, 2015**



- Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by PTA President Michelle Fakeri.

Announcements from Ms. Amstutz:

- Smooth opening this year
- 585 students
- Re-issued club enrichment email
- Parent Camp - Need bigger committee
- Change Makers is a big focus
- The parking lot changes have been very helpful. The changes have provided a safer scenario for the students. Suggestions welcome.
- Office 101:
  1. Regarding office help - Direct questions to Trice - she will delegate as needed.
  2. Flyers and notices - please cc Trice, as she can aid in following up.  
(psisk@aacps.org)
  3. Please supply extra flyers and communications to leave in the office.
  4. Always allow a few days turn around
  5. Email is the preferred method of communication vs phone
- Upcoming events:
  - o 9/17 - Volunteer Orientation
  - o 9/25 - Picture Day
  - o 9/29 McBodkin Night
  - o 9/30 Interims
  - o 10/9 Fun Run Color Run
  - o 10/15/-10/16 school closed
  - o 10/20 (Friday) - Halloween parade
- Treasurer report by Amy Wangdahl
  - o New proposed budget was voted on and APPROVED
  - o New entry on budget for \$200 - Green School Initiative - APPROVED  
For monarch gardens, per Mrs. Duffy: planting more seasonal items to carry through the entire year
  - o New entry on budget for \$100 - Terrapin - APPROVED to feed turtles
  - o New bank account - Suntrust. Offers online services, all fees waived, closer branches and more accessible, PTO Manager program.
  - o Treasurer wants to purchase Finance Manager - 1. Historical data x 3 years.  
2. Committees can log on and see their budget and remaining balance.

3. Volunteer Manager not recommended to purchase, as the office does this already. This was voted on and APPROVED.

O Ms. Corey would like funding for a blacktop track. The cost for another local school for a similar track was \$6,170.51. Ms. Corey to contact Steve Bush and get more estimates, approve location, etc. - This is an interest to explore

- Requests:
  1. Ms. Cocroft is looking for someone to help organize her art closet.
  2. A request has been made for a Book Club for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Looking for someone to take the lead.

Committees:

- **Yearbook** - Need two (2) kindergarten volunteers for taking pictures and page design and need volunteer for 2nd grade for taking pictures only.
- **FunRun** - Well on our way. Need volunteers for the day of. T-shirt orders due 9/23. Need volunteers.
- **Hospitality** - Open for suggestions and volunteers, back to school lunch was amazing!
- **Recycling** - No issues, nothing to report.
- **Indoor beautification** - no updates to mention
- **Outdoor Beautification** - Professional upkeep to ready the gardens for school start was \$650.00. Toni Morris wants to increase the Outdoor Beautification budget to \$2,000.00 to have all gardens professionally maintained year round.  
Mrs. Duffy recommended: As part of our green school initiative, having students taking on a more “hands on” responsibility to aide in the upkeep of our gardens/grounds.  
This will be on the table for next months meeting after quotes are received from Toni Morris from Owens Landscaping.
- **Membership** - Dues coming in, deadline to sign up 10/16 (to send to print)
- **5th grade promotion** - Dorian Janik is looking for someone to take the lead for this committee, but will be there for support.
- **Box Tops** - Register at [boxtopsforeducation.com](http://boxtopsforeducation.com). This years goal is \$4,000.00. Thinking about incentives such as pajama day, bring your own electronic device to school, extra recess pass. Students will win by grade vs per student. Collection boxes in each class.
- **Labels for Education** - 32,000 points available in our bank. Nothing to report.
- **Nominations** - Nothing to report as of yet.
- **Scholarships** - Looking for volunteers.
- **Cultural Arts** - enrichment and assemblies. Aiming for two assemblies this year - each split in two sessions.
- **Spirit Wear** - Order online option now available. Will order more shirts, sales going well.
- **Wastefree Wednesday Tshirts**- Mrs. Duffy is looking for a volunteer. Need

ordering done. Shirts are already designed.

- **Technology** - Blackboard big push.
- **Mom-Son Night** - Working on choosing a date. Looking at Feb/March (Assembly on the Friday before Memorial Day for Field Day - M. Corey )
- **Daddy Daughter Dance** - Working on choosing a date. Looking at Feb/March (Assembly on the Friday before Memorial Day for Field Day - M. Corey )
- **Yankee Candle** - We lost our contact for Yankee Candle and are looking for other fundraising options. Sue Engler suggested a Paint Night. Still looking for suggestions.

• Meeting adjourned: 8:40pm.