



Marshall Road PTA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 6 June 2012

Attendees: Shelly Koshuta, Cathy Songheimer, Michele Sullivan, Ishrak Al-Kersh, Brenda Bolton, Gina Womack, Jenna Lee, Younhwa Kwon, Chi Bui, Dana Lu, Aparajita Mehra, Nadia Saeed, Bernadette Philip, Lisa Dauernheim, Brian Dauernheim, Luisa Machado, Erin Kane, Gwen Riddle, Rita Monner, Dena Carter, Frank Capuano, Elizabeth Terry-Humen, DeAnna Vouvakis, Alice T. Ho, Jiin Song, Mariam Ghaussy, Farzana H. Anwar, Bets Thomas, Susan Vouvalis, Rachel Orndorff, Corinne Bowen, Kim Neville, Robyn Oskuie; Jennifer Heiges – Principal, Beth Eachus – PTA President, Becky Kong – Vice-President, Amanda Waltrip – Vice-President, Randy Weinhardt – Treasurer, Alexandra Bates – Secretary

- I. **Call Meeting to Order** – Beth Eachus called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.
- II. **President's Report – Beth Eachus**
 - a. This has been an incredible year. Our service project has turned into a community event. A local women's organization gave \$75 to donate to Food For Others. A friend of a Marshall Road family sent \$100 to donate to Wheels for Africa.
 - b. The PTA purchased a second grill for the school with funds left in the budget for Teacher Appreciation Week.
 - c. We have three projects left in our 50 for 50: Wheels to Africa, school supplies, and crayons.
 - d. We've raised almost \$50,000 this year and have extra funds as a result. We will be voting on how to disburse some of those funds at the end of the meeting.
- III. **May Minutes – Alexandra Bates** –*The minutes stand as written.*
- IV. **Principal's Report – Jennifer Heiges**
 - a. Teacher Appreciation Week – thank you for your support of the teachers.
 - b. In an effort to improve consistency in core subjects, we are planning to implement principles used in our current guided math curriculum, which focuses on shorter lessons followed by a quick assessment to determine which children need reinforcement of the principles being taught. We want to use PTA funds for technology to support this type of instruction.
 - c. Beginning next year, all grade levels will follow the same enVision curriculum. Students will be bringing home computer disks with instructional materials.
- V. **Treasurer's Report – Randy Weinhardt**
 - a. Ending unrestricted balance per checkbook/savings and PayPal as of May 31, 2012 is \$31,225.29.
- VI. **Committee Chair Reports**
 - a. Fifty for Fifty - Beth Eachus – A big thank you to Farzana Anwar and Brenda Bolton as well as to many of our members for whom this will be their last PTA meeting: Bets Thomas, Susan Vouvalis, Ishrak Al-Kersh. Next year, we want to continue to incorporate service projects.
 - b. Open Positions for 2012-2013 School Year – Beth Eachus – Family Fun Night, Dr. Seuss Night, Mad Science coordinator, Chair of the Audit Committee, Chair of the Membership Committee, Staff Appreciation, Staff Breakfast and Luncheon, and Spirit Wear. On the

Communications Committee, we have open positions for the calendar, co-editor of eNews, and the bulletin board.

- c. Teacher Appreciation Week – Rachel Orndorff – Thank you to Farzana Anwar and Beth Eachus. We were able to buy a grill for the school with the remaining funds.
- d. Safe Routes to School – Brian Dauernheim – We had a great Bike/Walk Challenge Week with the second highest number of bikers and the second highest total participation. Next year it will coincide with National Bike to School Day. We'll be starting monthly bike trains in the fall as well as a Walk to School Day weekly. June 17th is a meeting for bike route signage in Vienna. Next year we will focus on having more education in the school regarding bike etiquette and will start our travel plan, which is a springboard for obtaining future grants.
- e. Grocery Rewards – Alison Treppel – Alex Bates summarized an emailed report detailing the funds raised thus far this year, a copy of which has been filed with these minutes.

VII. **New Business**

- a. Teacher Grant/Teacher Development Funds – Randy Weinhardt – The PTA Board has approved the following items: money to purchase a booklet binding machine for the first grade, which will also be available to other grades; a keyboard for adaptive instruction; listening centers for the 1st and 2nd grades; \$500 towards a bullying prevention education series, the remaining funds to be provided by the school; a microphone and other associated equipment for the Music Department; and \$100 towards first grade teachers' libraries.
- b. Principals' Fund – Beth Eachus – We have a surplus of funds due to our highly successful fundraising efforts this year. Planning to carry over \$10,000 for the 2012-2013 school year, the PTA can comfortably donate \$10,000 to the Principal's Fund. *A motion was made by Susan Vouvalis, seconded by Corinne Bowen, and passed unanimously to appropriate \$10,000 to the Principal's Fund.*
- c. Bell Schedule – Beth Eachus – FCPS continues to evaluate Marshall Road's unique traffic issues with regards to the proposed bell schedule change for next year. Beth will post another request to parents to email the appropriate county officials.

VIII. **Unfinished Business** – none.

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 a.m.