



**Copper Beech PTA Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

Attendance: 12 members signed in

Board Members in attendance: Dave C., Dottie C., Jason P., Betsy K., Tanya P., Cathy R., Kristin G., Dana M.

Appendices: November 2017 General Meeting Minutes, October 2017 Budget Final, Principal's Report Agenda

Call to Order

- Dave Clark calls the meeting to order at 7:04pm
- November meeting minutes approved and seconded.

Rachel Calci, BuildOn Organization Presentation

- Member of Build On – they go on trek each year to help in an underserved community
- Last trip was to Nicaragua to help build a school (costs \$30k)
- This year they're going to Malawi – travel cost is about \$3k
 - Can support her by donating online
 - Kids need to do 50 hours of service in their own community
 - They work with the local community in the country they visit to work on building a school and local workers are hired to finish it

Board Reports:

Dave, President

- 5k can't happen on 4/14 because the Keep the Parade Running 5k is that day and we don't want to compete with such a good cause. Talking to Overlook PTO to work with them on an event. Since we don't have a coordinator for the spring fair this might be a good time to combine the events. Most likely spring fair will not be on May 12th but possibly a week earlier.
- National School of excellence:
 - Working on action plan
 - Will be another survey in April or May to see if we've made the improvements
- Fall Clothing Drive raised \$746
- Restaurant fundraisers:
 - Chipotle struggled to keep up with the large group of people who came out. We raised \$871 that night despite the issues.
 - Next is Chick-fil-a 1/24 4-8pm at the mall
 - Panera is 3/14 to align with Barnes & Noble night
- All school social Sunday 1/21 at Rolling Thunder skating rink in the Northeast
 - Tickets extended to Thursday of this week

- Game night 2/2
- GNO 2/9
- Name that Tune rescheduled for 3/2
- Painting with a Purpose at painting with a Twist – more info coming soon with a sign up link
- BNO – 3/23

Dottie, President Elect

- 6th grade pancake breakfast was successful – preorder tickets were 189 plus 75-80 walk ins
- 6th grade class trip 6/5 – possibly at the funplex in NJ

Jason, VP 1

- Cougar Chronicles – Lion King musical is actually at 2pm, not 1pm, as listed in the newsletter. Cougar spotlight has been teachers and board members. Would like to spotlight members of the community so if you know someone who would be a good person to spotlight, let Jason know.
- Game Night – 2/2 from 7-8:30pm. Flyers coming home soon. \$5 per person \$20 family of 5. Food available for purchase. Looking for prize donations. Bin in the PTA office, accepting until the event.
- Science fair 4/5 – prior to tonight's meeting and the next two PTA sessions, there are workshops to get help and ask questions. If you can't come to the workshops you can still participate. More than 40 more participants than last year. If you have feedback, please let the committee know now so they can incorporate into planning.

Betsy, VP 2

- GNO 2/9 7-9pm flyers coming home soon.
- BNO 3/23 – just had first planning meeting to figure out theme
- 6th grade dance 5/4 at Knights of Columbus
- 6th grade social – Sports Zone 3/2
- Spring clothing drive – need a coordinator. See Betsy if interested

Tanya, VP 3

- Clubs – registration just ended for MOB. Starts 1/23. Two more sessions after this if you missed it.
- Looking for book club coordinator – only once per month. Great conversations with kids.
- Assemblies: jump rope assembly was great. Jumpers were wonderful. Came from Maryland. Two performances.
 - December assembly was through PECO about energy conservation.
- Movie Night – weather impacted turnout a little. Maybe next year we'll do something non-animation. Pizza went well.
- Collections – Little Bites is not going well. You have to collect a lot to earn any money. We'll evaluate.
- A+ Giant 23734 school code. Just enter your Giant Card and money goes to CB.
- Box Tops – successful. Next submission is in Feb. Collect all year.

- Book Fair – challenging due to issue with company. Sorry books were slower. We'll explore some new options.
- Talent show 2/22 – 6th graders. Everyone can come watch. Could use help with volunteers. Coordinators will meet on Friday with Mr. Murphy and figure things out after we get through the Lion King.

Kristin, Marketing Director

- Book club needs a coordinator
- Name that Tune – flyer coming soon. Highland PTO is working with us on it. Already have goodies and giveaways. Tickets \$25 each or team of 6 is 20% discount.
- Membership Directory – 2nd half will be out by the end of the week.
- Funding Factory – not making as much as had hoped recycling ink and toner. We're looking at alternatives to increase amount raised. If you know of one, let us know.

Cathy, Treasurer

- November and December budget reports available
- At 98% of our membership goal
- 75% paid of 6th grade activity fee
- Taxes paid for book fair, Square 1, and Yankee Candle
- Money transferred into savings
- Budget planning meetings coming up. 1st of 3 in February. We present after the 3rd meeting.
- Upcoming cash boxes – need for game night and GNO. Please submit forms.

Dana, Recording Secretary

- Permits are up-to-date. Just waiting on new date for the 5k and Spring Fair.
- All School Social – see above for updates
- Yearbook – if you have photos we would love for you to share. Yearbook is 100 pages this year! The headshots are mostly all formatted already. Lots of work for activity pages. If you're a homeroom parent and can huddle the kids together, those would be great!
- T-shirts – they designed the slogan that they all voted on, they all voted on a design, color, and the ink. A local printer is creating a mock-up so we can send a flyer out to see if any parents want to purchase and additional shirt. All 6th graders get the shirt. Names listed by class and support staff are all listed on the back of the shirt. March 1st is the 6th grade photo. Teachers will get the shirts before the photo so the kids can wear them for the photo, field trips, etc.
- No idling signs are posted near parent pick-up. We appreciate your help making the school healthier for our kids and the aids helping to get the kids to and from school safely. (Remember, idling for a long period is illegal in PA.)

Principal's Report

- School performance profile – the district did a presentation for the school about the school performance profile scores. (SPP) PA Department of Education's way of "ranking" schools according to different criteria. Based heavily off of standardized testing (PSAAs). Our 2015 PSAA scores were our baseline. Scores across the state have been declining due to rigorous math requirements.

- ELA and math are both one day shorter this year
- We declined, this year's score was 70.2 (down from 79.9). we are meeting state requirements for performance.
- Full report can be found by googling "SPP" or www.paschoolperformance.org
- Jump rope assembly kicked off American heart association jump for hearts and hoops for heart fundraiser – we do very well and raise close to \$8,000. Due on 2/26
- Some students performed at the Abington township MLK assembly for the township. They did the same on Friday for the whole school.
- Musical 1/26 and 1/27. Tickets available at the door, first come first serve. Saturday night is sold out.
- 1/28 16th birthday of CB
- 2/7-2/8 kindergarten registration
- No school 2/16 and 2/19
- Contact Dr. Viola if you had Skyward issues with school delays. They can check with technology. The delay the call went out the night before and there wasn't another in the morning. You can check Abington school district website. The scrolling header will give you an alert.

Teacher report (Mrs. Sutch)

- Happy new year!
- Hoping for a full week of school to get things done

New business

- None

Announcements

- None

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm