

# Parklawn PTA Executive Board Meeting

3.6.2017, 6 pm, Parklawn ES

Attended by: Rebecca Cervoni, Amber Dewey, Tom Dickson, Elizabeth Galbraith, Radia Nait, Katy Richman, Lou Tremante, Kathleen Williams, Rachel Wolin

## Agenda Items

### 1. Book Fair - Amber Dewey

Scholastic Book Fair will be held March 27-31, 9 am-3 pm daily, as well as 5-8 pm on the 29<sup>th</sup> during the Family Reading Experience. Publicity to include: flyers sent home with students in the two weeks prior; info posted on PTA and Parklawn websites; media slides for screens; library display case. Scholastic provided a banner for recruiting volunteers, which will be put on fence in front of school; will coordinate with front office to refer volunteers to the book fair committee.

### 2. Family Reading Experience - Rebecca Cervoni

Parklawn has been selected by National PTA to hold a Family Reading Experience on Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30 pm. Event will be held in two rooms, one for K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, one for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade, with 3-5 stations in each room. National PTA is providing pizza for 300; all display items/supplies for stations; and 25 Kindle devices. Students will receive a passport to be stamped at each station; they will receive a bookmark prize for completing 4 stations. Art teachers will be displaying items from students' world art projects, to coordinate with the event's "Around the World" theme. Rachel Wolin is handling Kindle issues, including log-in and check-out procedures. Representatives from PTA (county, district, state and national), school board and the Department of Education have been invited to attend.

### 3. Spelling Bee - Lou Tremante

Congratulations to Parklawn Champion Rahaf Bahr, who will compete in the county-wide bee on Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup>. PTA purchased a Kindle and cover for Rahaf.

### 4. President's Report

Fairfax County School Board chair Sandy Evans held a meeting for PTA presidents to discuss several issues including the school budget crisis, and the difficulties some schools are having with ratings from websites like GreatSchools.org.

Flex Academies has declined to offer spring programs at Parklawn; Flex suggested summer programs, but that would be more costly to the school. Other options for after-school programs will be considered.

PTA has nominated Larry Aiello for the NoVa District PTA's Outstanding Administrator of 2017 award. Results will be available in a few weeks.

### 5. DC United Game - Tom Dickson

Tickets for the May 20<sup>th</sup> game will soon be available for sale at PTA events. Event will be publicized through flyers, emails and website. Planning for at least one bus, possibly more depending on demand.

## 6. Movie Night - Elizabeth Galbraith

Disney's Moana will be featured at the next movie night, Friday April 28<sup>th</sup>. Publicity to include posters at the beginning of April, flyers sent home on 4.18, and stickers for students' shirts day of event.

## 7. Department of Education Family Forum - Kathleen Williams

The Department of Education hosted a Family Forum on February 9<sup>th</sup>, led by Frances Frost, Family Ambassador (a new position created in Fall 2016 through a grant from the Kellogg Foundation, with the purpose of supporting and increasing family engagement in education). Radia Nait and another Parklawn parent attended as well, participating in small-group discussions on topics including how to welcome families, make connections, and build community.

## 8. Bingo Night - Rebecca Cervoni

Scheduled for Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>, leads Rebecca Cervoni and Aubrey Davis. Donations are being solicited. If 5+ big ticket items are donated, there will be a silent auction component to the night; if not, all donations will be used for raffle and bingo prizes.

## 9. Back to School Supply Kits - Rebecca Cervoni

Approved: school supply kits for the 2017-18 school year will be ordered through EPI (last year's vendor).

Sales have increased each year. Emphasis will be on taking orders before end of school year; kits will be available for purchase at kindergarten orientation and Back to School night, but for a slightly higher price.

## 10. Principal's Report - Katy Richman

Salad Bar will be offered at Parklawn starting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, with a daily selection of seven fruits/vegetables and two protein options, included in regular school lunch price. Parent volunteers are needed on 3.22-23 10:45-12:45 to help students navigate the new options.

Math & Science Night scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>, with activities targeted to grade levels. Hoedown will be held March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Upcoming Meetings

4.3 Executive Board, 6 pm

5.1 Executive Board, 6 pm