



East Silver Spring
PTA | Parent-Teacher
Association

Parent Teacher Association Meeting

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

6:30 – 8:00 PM

631 Silver Spring Avenue

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AGENDA

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks by PTA President, Rick Bacon

II. Announcements from Mr. Burd, ESSES Principal

- a. Seeking Volunteers for Family Life/Human Sexuality Unit
 - i. Takes place every year in Grade 5
 - ii. Need committee to review materials (will have meeting to discuss)— if you're interested, email me or Ms. Burton
 - iii. Parent info meeting will be March 12

III. Discussion of Spring PTA Activities and Collaboration with Teachers

- a. Would like PTA to take over more responsibilities than in previous years (when they fell more to staff)
- b. At previous school, we would create action plan— for example, 1 parent + 1 staff member be co-chairs for the event, then create action plan (volunteers needed, needs, etc.)
- c. Let's split into groups to brainstorm— April 26- Basketball Game, May 31- Talent Show, June 6- Carnival
- d. IF these events raise funds, they should go to PTA

IV. Group Presentations for Spring Events

- a. Basketball
 - i. Discussion of people who would like to be involved
 - ii. Venue as first order of business (consider size, parking)— SSI? ICB? Takoma Middle? Blair?
 - iii. If staff members request it, it may be free (vs parents or PTA)
 - iv. John Seelke may be Parent Chair
- b. Carnival
 - i. Ms. Burton— Historically this was a mandated event (for teachers)— this year, this will not necessarily be— can put out a survey to staff to see who can be involved in which events (of all 3 major events)
 - ii. Historically after school, 2-3 hours

- iii. Let's get contact info for the involved parties from last year, to pick their brains - Ms. Carter did food last year
 - iv. Still need Carnival co-chairs (Rick volunteered as backup only). Please contact Summer if interested.
 - v. Questions about moon bounce/dunk tank to Global— Sean will ask?
 - c. Talent Show
 - i. Wendy S will chair committee
 - ii. Action plan created, plan for setting up conditions for success
 - iii. Looking for robust student involvement
 - iv. Will talk to past teachers/organizers about norms around cutting and mature themes
 - v. Will decide venue/entry fee/MCs, possible brain breaks
- V. Updates from the PTA
 - a. **Panda Club** - Steve presented on Panda Clubs, which have begun. PTA was able to meet almost all scholarship requests, but a few outstanding, so donations are appreciated. We are trying to expand Panda Clubs to as many kids as possible this year.
 - b. **Grantwriting** - John Seelke announced Takoma Foundation grant, reiterated call for volunteers to help out with fundraising and grant writing. Mr. Burd commended Mr. Seelke for facilitating new sound system.
 - c. **Book Fair** - Sean Lyons announced that the fall book fair raised \$1125 for the school and \$1121 for the media center. We were also able to buy books for every child in Head Start.
 - d. **Wellness** - Karen Kali sent in a note about the salad bar, which has been a resounding success!
- V. Upcoming events
 - **ESS Eats Out at Chipotle:** Monday, January 14 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 - **No School:** Monday, January 21 for Dr. Martin Luther King Day
 - **Early Release:** Friday, January 25
 - **No School:** Monday, January 28
 - **February PTA Meeting:** Tuesday, February 5 at 6:30

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