

**Fulton Elementary School PTA Meeting
January 14, 2020**

In Attendance: Rita Park, Nadia Babar, Meghna Lipcon, Tara Geiger, Donna Cruz, Tanisha Burks, Meredith Dombroski, Christy Emanuel, Nilam Gosai, Brandy Morrison, Erika Gosai, Kecia Little, Suman Duvedi, Aneesha Summerville

1. Welcome

2. Budget Overview

- a. Staff Allowance and appreciation are the biggest expense.
- b. Ended November with \$56,000.
- c. Earned \$1,762 profit from Holiday Shoppe (not considered a fundraiser).

3. PTACHC

Liz Walsh, County Council District 1: Spoke on CB1-2020, extending the four-year waiting period to seven years for APFO. Support for this across the council is not certain and needs support. January 21st is the public hearing. Contact for the entire council email is councilmail@howardcountymd.gov with subject line regarding CB1 -- email becomes part of the public record.

I-Legislation The following PTACHC positions were discussed, voted on by the members present, and adopted: ● Howard County – Board of Education – Redetermination of Geographic Attendance Areas, Ho. Co. 1-20 Position: PTACHC does not support this bill as written due to the increased frequency of redistricting without addressing factors such as stability and net resources like system wide capacity. ● Howard County – Board of Education – Reporting on Demographics and Reduction of Academic Disparities, Ho. Co. 6-20 Position: PTACHC supports this bill and encourages improvements in analyzing achievement gap data and dissemination of that information to legislators as well as advocates seeking effective solutions. However, we recommend amendments that will discourage duplicative reporting efforts. ● Howard County – Moderate Income Housing Unit Requirements – Prohibition Against Fee-in-Lieu, Ho. Co. 11-20 Position: PTACHC does support this bill because it reduces the potential for concentrations of poverty and also reduces the potential for more frequent redistricting. ● Howard County – Public School Program Capacity – School Board and Planning Commission, Ho. Co. 13-20 Position: This position reaffirms a prior position on this subject. PTACHC supports non-discretionary safeguards to keep any overcrowding protections at permanent facilities of each local school that exceeds 100% utilization. ● Howard County – Education – Report on Deferred Maintenance, Ho. Co. 19-20 Position: Due to the inadequate sources of revenue from the development community, PTACHC recognizes the shortfalls of existing capital funding and supports the granting of authority to fund the completion of deferred maintenance among all HCPSS facilities. ● Howard County – Public Schools – Reporting of Student Data, Ho. Co. 23-20 Position: PTACHC is concerned about student privacy and duplicative data retrieval; therefore, we do not support this bill. ● Howard County – Transfer Tax – Rate Increase Authorization, Ho. Co. 26-20 Position: Due to historic shortages in county finances for school funding, PTACHC

supports necessary funding to acquire school sites when and where they are needed to meet and maintain educational standards without compromise of resources. In addition, the following proposed local education-related legislation was discussed, and no official PTACHC position was taken: ● *Ho.Co. 35-20 – Provides Matching Funds to CAC to renovate a site at Long Reach Village Center for four classrooms each with 18-20 children ages 3-5 who are eligible for Head Start or Pre-K. ● Howard County – Residential Property and New Home Construction Advertisements – School District Information, Ho. Co. 2-20 ● Howard County – School District Boundary Changes and Sales of Residential Real Property - Notices, Ho. Co. 4-20

4. Fundraising Updates

- a. Spirit Day at Chick-fil-A tomorrow.
- b. Raise Craze only met 12% of \$20,000 goal. Ms. Salzberg's class won the Hyper Kidz party. Lessons learned - time of year, redistricting impact.
- c. Upcoming Spring Fun Run fundraiser. \$30,000 goal.
- d. PTA may not be able to fund all activities next year without additional fundraising.
- e. We welcome all suggestions and active participation to reach our goal.

5. Open Committee Chairs

- a. INTERNATIONAL NIGHT currently has no chair or committee. We are looking to secure Spring dates at Reservoir to hold the event, but the event will be canceled if there is no committee to execute.
- b. Fall Festival has no committee lined up for next year. The planning for this October event typically starts in late summer.

6. Open Executive Board roles for 2020-2021 school year

Board positions are two year terms. We have several positions that are up for re-election. If you are interested in a board position, now is the time to shadow the current board. *The PTA cannot exist without a Treasurer. More information about roles and election process are forthcoming.

- a. 1st Vice President - Meghna Lipcon will run again for the position.
- b. 2nd Vice President - Open
- c. Recording Secretary - Open
- d. Corresponding Secretary - Open
- e. *Treasurer - Nadia Babar is undecided about running for a second term.

6. President closing

Please don't assume the large student population means that someone else will do it. We have over 1,000 students and 115 staff and a skeleton crew of a PTA to help make our school the best it can be. We need your help.

6. Dr. Burks presentation on ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) data.

- a. See presentation slide deck posted on fespta.org