

Forest Edge PTA Meeting Minutes
Wednesday February 15, 2017
7:00 PM

Call to Order – Karen Raffel

- Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

Treasurer Updates –~~Shobha Subramanian~~ Karen asked if anyone had questions. No one did.

MOTION – approve January meeting minutes; Moved; seconded. Passed.

Committee Reports:

6th Grade Basketball game (March 3rd) – April Brabant– Basketball in two weeks on Friday. Doors open at 5:45 at South Lakes High School. Stadium side. Forest Edge will be the “home” team and side. Tickets will be \$4.00. Flyer going out Friday. Students can purchase tickets week of game. \$5.00 at door. Wear Green/White (Forest Edge colors). Need volunteers. Sign Up Genius. Game should be over by 8:30. First teachers game, then girls’ game, then boys’ game. Will be selling t-shirts at game for \$10. Food for sale and can eat in gym. Cash or checks.

March 8th – dining for dollars. Santini’s and in coordination with math night at Home Depot. %15 of purchase back to school. Just mention Forest Edge. 5–10pm. –Karen

February 24th is deadline for box tops. Job for box tops open. Job entails – collect box tops from office. Count them in groups of 50. Submit in groups in 50. Another job is keeping track of the Printer cartridges: pick them up from office and some admin work.

April 5th is Show What You Know. Instead of a science fair. Can be anything they are interested in.

PT Art for Jacob Lawrence. March 6th.

Fundraising – Reston A to Z. Author is former FEES parent. Fundraiser through PTA with 50% back to school.

4/29th Courtney Schilling. Registration is coming out this week.

Teacher/Admin Report – Leona Smith–Vance/Rochelle Proctor/Jillian Zuber Math night –based on age group. Activities in Home Depot. Students will get a coupon for book fair if they complete it. 5:30–7:30. March 8th.

Classroom updates. Art teacher – Baby born – long term sub: Mrs. Williams. Dr. Caulhoun is out. Both 5th AAP grade classes have combined.

Wax museum for 6th graders. This year is a PBL (project based learning). Saw Hidden Figures and asked questions about the women in the movie and used those questions for their wax museum people.

Assessments are being finished up. Questions? Reach out to your child's teacher.

Bullying Presentation – Chelsea Nagel

Full Time Counselor

Difference between bullying and bothering.

Did activity – read scenarios and figured out if bullying or bothering.

Bullying: imbalance of power, hurts (body or feelings), was on purpose, happens frequently.

Bullying makes kids feel afraid, anxious, scared, sad, sick, hurt, lonely.

Teach students to be upstanders, not bystanders.

Bullying prevention week in March 13th–17th.

Question about inappropriate language. Students should still follow rules. Teachers should be informed if students are using that language.

Difference between upstander and tattler? Tattler is to get someone in trouble vs keeping someone safe.

Bullying not as bad here as in other schools.

What happens with repeat bullying? Counselor to teach better behaviors. Move kid from aggressor. Try to avoid suspensions because kids need to be in school.

Bullies who aren't taught replacement behaviors, tend to repeat it in Middle school and adulthood.

Counselors also work with kids who are bullied to build confidence.

How to talk to our kids about bullying? Will look at ways to send information to parents.

Using word, 'friend' as a generic term can be confusing to kids.

Meeting Adjournment

– Next PTA meeting: March 15 @ 7:00pm

Questions & Comments from the Floor

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Meeting Adjourned at 8:09pm

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