

**APS PTA General Meeting  
August 11, 2011  
6:30pm – School Cafeteria**

**Meeting Called to Order by Mary Alice NeSmith at 6:35pm.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

- Led by Ashford Park Daisy Troops

**Afterschool Childcare – YMCA Primetime & Enrichment Programs**

- Speaker: Ms. Chante, Site Director for Prime-Time After-School Care
- New Enrichment Programs Offered on Tuesdays
  - Available for 4 – 12 yr. olds
  - Karate & Dance: 1/week (session is 10 or 8 weeks)
  - Dance to include Ballet, Jazz and Zumba
  - Begins 8/23
- YMCA Primetime
  - Runs from After-School to 6:30pm
  - Includes Enrichment Programs within the program
  - 1 hour of homework time included with counselor support
  - Outside activities
  - Incorporates pillars of Y into program: Respect, Responsibility, Trustworthiness & Caring

**Mrs. Fallon's Update**

- All staff members asked to stand, new faculty introduced
- Very excited about school year, lots of new staff members
- Please report any grounds or other issues so they can be resolved; limb taken care of
- Recognition of all parents do for the school. "Thank you!"
- Introduction to Support Staff
  - Front Office: Mrs. Haag & Mrs. Patino (also speaks Spanish)
  - Nurse: Mrs. Wells
  - Computers/Smart Boards/Electronics: Mr. Edwards
  - Media Center: Dr. Ekhaml
  - Custodial Staff: Mr. Caya, Mr. Principe, Mr. Moore
  - Crossing Guard: Ms. Harris
  - Cafeteria Staff: Mr. Mohammed, Ms. Miller, Mr. Smithford, Mr. Chester

**Introduction of Executive Board Members**

**\$1 per Day Campaign**

- Currently \$5500 has been raised and 30 families have contributed
- This is the fundraising campaign for the year instead of selling items to neighbors and family
- A donation of any amount, and at any time can be made to support the campaign

## **2011 – 2012 Proposed Budget**

- General Overview of Budget given by Diane Allers
- Discussion on Income
  - Carryover from last year of \$11,767.39 (with some expenses outstanding from last year)
  - Already another \$11,000 has been brought in for year
- General discussion on expenses
  - Wellness grants are in and will be spent on Wellness
  - Open Expenses of \$2275.26 from last year
- Tim Harvey motioned to accept the budget, Katrienne 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Unanimous Approval (None Oppose, None Abstain)
- Any further questions on budget can get be directed to Christine Shea or Diane Allers

## **Safety Committee Update – Tim Harvey**

- Lead by example
- Morning carpool (7:20 – 7:45)
  - Do not pull in front of school
  - Side – Entrance is for carpool
  - It is a fast process to clear so be patient
  - Tardy bell rings at 7:45, if arriving at or after 7:45, park and walk your child in, must sign-in at office as Tardy
  - Goal is In & Out Quickly & Children In Safely
  - Continuing to fine-tune and open to any suggestions
- Carpool numbers will be handed out afterschool on Monday, August 15
- Volunteer for morning and afternoon carpool
  - To view the SignUpGenius form, go to:  
[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/carpool80/1364521](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/carpool80/1364521)
- ‘For Sale’ House on Tryon prior to reaching the corner at Pamela is being used for police & fire department training
  - Please be considerate and supportive of our emergency services personnel
  - It is always a benefit to have these emergency services familiar with our school and property
- Questions:
  - What to do prior to 7:20am?
    - Officially: Drop-off in front of building
    - If volunteers are at carpool and side door is open may drop-off there, the side door opens at 7:20am.
    - May be congested in front, be considerate & patient
    - Suggestion: Have dropoff designated spots in front: Pull in & out only
  - Is Tryon & Pamela a merge point?
    - If carpool is moving, yes and alternate cars at 4-way

- If carpool is not moving enter carpool by turning off of Tryon onto Cravenridge before getting to Pamela
  - Put carpool person at Tryon and Pamela for afternoon, starting at 2pm
- What time is dismissal?
  - 2:15 pm, but still working on this
- Are procedures any different for afternoon carpool in the rain?
  - Yes, you will need more patience, but no, in that for the most part it operates the same
  - Kids will probably need some kind of raincoat (waterproof)
  - If it is raining hard enough, Pre-K kids will not be walked down the carpool line, but will be picked up at the side entrance like the older students

### **Wellness Council Update – Lisa Engle**

- Encourage everyone to join
- Council includes PTA representatives & school administration reps.
- Farm to School Program kicking off
  - Dekalb Co. has purchased locally grown produce, 1 produce day / month
  - August – Watermelon
  - September – Granny Smith Apples

### **Going Green & Recycling – Robyn Farmer**

- Review green sheet sent home for recycling opportunities
- Ashford Park water bottles for sale, benefits wellness and recycling - \$10

### **Recycled Uniforms – Casey Campana**

- Used uniform collection in bin in corner of cafeteria
- Selling at parent events
  - Jackets / Sweaters - \$4
  - Shorts/ Pants / Shirts - \$2
- Volunteers

### **Ashford Park School Education Foundation – Tiffany Black-Wilson**

- Read mission statement of foundation
- Music classes resumed 9/13 through the rest of the year, last year as a result of the foundations fundraising efforts
- Foundation raises and administer funds for: Bonuses, Teachers, Salaries for Specials Teachers, Large Projects (PTA cannot hire and pay salaries)
- Comprised of 7 person board; positions rotate every 2 – 3 years
- Currently raising money for Foreign Language Teacher & Capital Improvement Campaign for Grounds (Outside at Ashford)
  - Are carpool awnings part of the grounds plan?
  - Read-A-Thon
    - Continues through 9/9
    - Does count if you are reading to your child

- Last year 30 children participated, raised \$6000
- Outside at Ashford shirts can be worn for Spiritware Days (last 2 Fridays of every month)
- Foundation can approach companies for donations
- Many companies that match funds will accept the foundation, but do not accept PTA

#### **Open Chair Positions**

- Open House Committee
- Library Support
- Committee sign-ups available along wall after meeting

#### **Questions**

- When will school bus overcrowding be resolved, currently children standing in aisles?
  - 1 week to let things settle out
  - Mrs. Fallon has notified Bus Superintendent
  - If problem continues, contact Mrs. Fallon.

**Meeting Adjourned 7:50 pm**

**APS Video Shown**