

# **Kensington Parkwood PTA Meeting Minutes**

## **November 5, 2008**

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### **Meet & Mingle**

Approximately 15 members were present.

### **Introduction & Presentation**

Susan Anderson welcomed all in attendance and introduced Bruce Crispell, Director of Long-range Planning for MCPS. Mr. Crispell highlighted that this year's kindergarten class at KP was well over projection. He noted the current economy and the housing market as possible contributing factors to this steep enrollment increase. He pointed out that MCPS saw numbers rise more dramatically on the elementary school level. He also remarked that the Bethesda Chevy Chase cluster as well as Kensington Parkwood and Wyngate seemed to be particularly impacted. He thought this may be due to the influx from private schools, families choosing to move closer to work due to energy costs and families being forced to stay in their current homes.

He projects next year's incoming class at KP to also be as large as this year and then to slowly decrease to last year's class size of ninety. Forecasts will be revised again in March. School-wide he currently projects a peak of 618 students in 2013 with it leveling out to approximately 590. Mr. Crispell noted that KP will most likely have portable classrooms next year. KP's capacity is 517 students and we currently have 558 students.

Mr. Crispell noted that for modernization purposes they look at current enrollment with a six-year forecast. KP has outgrown its space so quickly due to the advent of all-day kindergarten, along with the unpredictable enrollment spike. In regards to transfers, Mr. Crispell said that the decision is not made on the school level, but they are typically only given in cases of hardship. Ms. Liess added that this year they were very strict. In terms of the White Flint sector plans, an elementary school site still needs to be identified.

### **Business**

The October meeting minutes were approved.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Susan asked committee chairs to please consult with Bar-T if there is a need for use of the facilities. Being a child-care provider, Bar-T has gets priority of the space before the PTA. They can typically accommodate our needs. They have their space rented until 9:15am and begin again at 2:30pm. There is a two-week window for room cancellations.

There will most likely not be a December PTA meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

**8K Race:** Mimi Yourman presented the 8K revenues. The race made \$21,000. The breakdown between the schools is as follows: Walter Johnson (30%) with \$4,875, North Bethesda (10%) with \$1,625 and Kensington Parkwood (60% but a minimum of \$14,000) with \$14,000 and a \$500 donation.

Next year they hope to build on the post-game party. They would love some new volunteers to get involved.

Sally Foster: Susan Anderson noted that it was a successful fundraiser, but our revenues were slightly down from last year.

Book Fair: The Book Fair is next week. We need volunteers for set-up. Susan encouraged parents to buy books. As in the past, teachers will make selections for their class.

Holiday Bazaar and Art Show: The Holiday Bazaar and Art Show will be held on the same day this year, December 6th. The bazaar will be held downstairs and the artwork will be displayed throughout the halls of the main level. Every child's artwork will be on display. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase their child's art framed.

Community Service Committee: Heather Tinsley announced that the Community Service Committee in conjunction with the Student Counsel are once again running the Manna Food Drive. Please contribute.

### **New Business**

Susan reminded parents to prepare for their parent-teacher conference(s).

Susan announced that the field is still closed off for rentals. There will be fencing over the weekends to deter usage. The field will be split to alternate usage during recess.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.