

**ALBERT LEONARD MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PTA MEETING  
NOVEMBER 15, 2017  
\*PROPOSED MINUTES\***  
*(Pending Approval at the next ALMS PTA Meeting)*

Meeting was called to start by Co-President Kim Castellano at 7:04 pm in the ALMS library.

I. **Welcome:**

Brief welcome and introduction of the 2017-2018 ALMS PTA executive board:

- Kim Castellano and Anne Todd, Co-Presidents
- Kamili Bell-Hill, Treasurer
- Kat LoConte, Secretary

Approximately 40 attendees.

II. **Approval of 10/11/17 PTA meeting minutes:**

Minutes were approved and will be posted to the PTA website.

III. **Two new committees:**

- STEM committee is off to a great start. They have already applied for 2 grants.
- Beautification project – planters by the main entrance look amazing

IV. **Recess area update:**

- The board has created 2 surveys, one for parents and staff members and the other for students. These surveys will be distributed within the next week. At the next PTA meeting, the responses will be reviewed.

V. **Book Fair December 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>:**

- Stephanie Paul, ALMS Librarian, needs parent volunteers for the upcoming Book Fair. Laura Cassidy and Kay Khusial are parent representatives helping Ms. Paul. A sign-up sheet is available.

VI. **Teacher Appreciation breakfast is December 7<sup>th</sup>.** A sign-up sheet is available.

VII. **Principal Barnes:**

- Principal Barnes welcomed attendees and introduced My Remarkable Self speakers.
- Up-coming events:
  - i. This week is Spirit Week for the students.
  - ii. November 9<sup>th</sup>, first marking period ended. Report cards will be available soon.
  - iii. Please speak with Principal Barnes if your child has not signed up for any clubs. He'd like to see every student in at least one after school club, two would be great.
  - iv. Cast list will be posted this week for Bye, Bye, Birdie.

### **VIII. Committee reports:**

- Membership: Michelle Pottinger
  - ALMS PTA has a little over 300 members. The goal is 500 members.
  - Families can still join either by check and envelope or via link on ALMS' website, (no additional fee for online registration)
  
- PTA Council: Karen Selman
  - No new update
  
- Board of Education: Tracy Hill
  - The most recent meeting was held in the Lincoln School District. There was a project update on the Bond, they are in Phase 2. Phase 3 is pending approval.
  
- Teacher Grant Committee: Sara Cremins and Randye Zerman
  - Randye spoke about their hosting a teacher breakfast last week to explain the grant application process. Many applications have been submitted. The committee will make final decisions by year end.
  
- SEPTA: Jackie Spiegel
  - SEPTA meeting was last night. They need more SEPTA representatives for the Hispanic community. If you are interested in being a co-representative with Jackie, please let Jackie and/or the ALMS Co-Presidents know. As mentioned last month, there is software available via Crome store for students with IEPs.

### **IX. Treasurer's report: Kamili Bell-Hill**

- There was not much to report at this time. We are still waiting for actual numbers to come in from the new committees and various meetings.

### **X. Guest speaker; My Remarkable Self**

- My Remarkable Self speakers, Jennifer Morris and Claire Neary presented on their curriculum and the 42 lessons available.

Meeting adjourned.