

# NHA PTO Meeting Minutes

## October 11, 2016

**Meeting called to order at 6:21.**

**Prayer by Joy Morrow.**

**Quorum verified by Dolores Muhammad.**

**Minutes from May 10 meeting approved as written.**

**State of the School Address by Joy Morrow:**

1. 4-5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher now onboard. She is the fourth after a series of teachers. Despite the tumultuous start, it has been a beginning of great year with the new staff. There is a positive spirit between the new teachers and the students.
2. Air Conditioning complete on the elementary wing. Working on the lines for heating (new. Boilers heating the other wing.
3. Rain Gardens are near completion. Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant. Contractor issues regarding the drain to divert water to the rain garden.
4. There was a good parent turn-out for the lower school Back to School Night; however, the turn-out low on the second. Enrollment: 149.

**Financial Report by Aneesha Summerville:**

1. Went over the report for May 1 – Sep 30, 2016. Financial Report approved as written.

**Old Business:**

1. Sneak A Peek Night: Went well. Frozen treats provided by PTO.
2. Back to School Night: Good turn out to the lower school back to school night. Turn-out was low on the second night for the upper school.
3. School Gift Ideas:
  - a. School Sign – Up to \$1,000 was approved at the May 10<sup>th</sup> PTO meeting.
  - b. Lockers –
  - c. Bleachers –
  - d. Hooks and privacy bins for the female restroom

Opened floor for discussion.

- a. Padding for wall for basketball court and one column- introduced by Principal Joy. Estimated Cost: ~\$2700-\$2800. This proposal is pending formal request submission to the PTO; anticipated request from the PTO ~\$1500-\$1800.

**New Business:**

1. Car Wash/Bake Sale: The Car Wash will be held on Saturday, Oct 15 from 10am – 2 pm. Requested volunteers to wash cars and support bake sale. Setup at 0900. Principal Joy was

asked to make announcements over the loud speaker regarding the Car Wash and Bake Sale. The event will raise money to support school improvement as well as build school spirit. HS students can earn community service hours for volunteering. Principal Joy requested for a list of events that present community service opportunities for students. A parent suggested blow up sign on poster board to advertise car wash. A parent asked about social media to advertise the event, Lacy informed the PTO that it will via Twitter.

2. Harvest Festival: The Harvest Festival will be held on 29 Oct. Time changed to 11am-3pm due to Fright Night activities later on in the evening. At last year's event many high schoolers left the festival early to attend Fright Night. The PTO is currently gathering data from the classes on their intended events for at the festival. PTO will host a 50/50 Raffle Costume Contest fundraiser. More info for the raffle to follow after the car wash.
3. PTO Parliamentarian: Mr. Demiko Aiken volunteered to fulfill the position of parliamentarian. Motion put forth, seconded, and approved for Mr. Aiken to serve as Parliamentarian for the 2016-2017.

### **Open Floor**

1. Parent recommended that the formal proposal with three quotes be submitted for the for gym padding.
2. Question: Parent asked if the school had a tax exempt status; and if any local professional or college teams had been asked to donate the padding. Mr. Aiken volunteered to assist will requesting the padding from local professional or college sports team or industry i.e. Under Armor.
3. Question: What is the status of the school sign? Ms. Muhammad asked about the status of the school sign. Per Mr. Otis, the signs are ready but the electricity must be run for the lights. Parent suggested just having Otis drop off the signs. Then determine the cost of the electricity or mounting; and thus potentially requiring a new proposal. Nwadimma will get three quotes for the lighting. A parent pointed out that \$1,000 was approved at the last PTO meeting.
4. PTO Twitter accounts: @NewHopeA\_pto; the Twitter account info
5. Aneesha Summerville has volunteered to install the hooks and privacy bins in the girl's bathroom. She will coordinate with Otis beforehand.
6. Ms. Beverly gave an update on Gambia project and informed the PTO that Heather Daniels enroute to Gambia for an educational partnership.
7. Former NHA student Kamesha T. Clark, Green Party (Class of 2008) is running for election as the Representative for District 4.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.**