

Matoaka Elementary PTA February 26, 2013 Meeting

Board meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. In attendance: Beth Robles, Karen Quinlan, Erin Otis, Brandy Centolanza, Anna Hughes, Sandy Van Leliveld, Leanne Conrad, Andy Jacobs, Debbie Wright, Karen Talley

1. Minutes from the January 2013 board meeting on the website were approved.
2. President's Report: Anna stated that the Playaways have been a huge success so far, a good investment for the PTA; thanked hospitality committee for the Valentine's Day spread for staff; and mentioned that Moe's Spirit Night was also a success, with \$300 earned.
3. Vice President's Report: Beth Robles reported on the grocery programs. Farm Fresh collection continues, with more than 69,000 points. Martin's has 98 members, and PTA has earned \$1,128 so far. Food Lion has 48 members, though the PTA did not have enough to earn any money this quarter. Harris Teeter has 52 members, and PTA has earned \$45.11. Target has 45 members and PTA has earned \$785.28. Labels for Education collection also continues. So far, PTA has earned 3,440 points, enough to receive 20 free books.
4. Treasurer's Report: Karen Quinlan submitted a budget update through Jan. 31, 2013. No Discussion.
5. Principal's Report: Andy Jacobs mentioned the I Have a Dream Show was a success and also thanked hospitality committee for Valentine's Day spread, as well as PTA for the Playaways. There are 76 titles currently, with the hopes of adding more. Chesapeake Experience has lined up three 90 minute discussion sessions for three days for second-graders in March. The trip experience for the older students will take place later this spring. Matoaka also has partnered with Windsor Meade Senior Living Community in which some residents will read with kindergarteners and first graders. Lots of activities are planned for Read Across America Day. Fifth graders are prepping for the online writing SOLs. Andy Jacobs also met with Dan Fitzpatrick to discuss Matoaka Dads program and ways to improve program.
6. School Garden: Leanne Conrad discussed her visions for the garden expansion, which would include six raised beds so that more classes can learn in the garden. Her hope is for the Nature Club to have its own bed, as well as the 4th grade, in order to grow crops the students are learning about in Virginia History. The garden expansion will cost \$15,000. Box tops earnings will go toward the

expansion, with \$2,400 earned so far. Plan is for demolition and construction to begin before the new school year.

7. Cardinal Carnival: Erin is looking for karaoke machine, tents, and photo printers for the carnival. A volunteer information packet will be sent home soon. T-shirts will be ready for sale in March. Silent auction is coming along. Event will include food, arts/crafts, helicopter, fire truck, ambulance, golf cart, and a new game similar to dunk tank. Decorating ideas are welcome.
8. New Business: Amanda Gada, Karen Talley, and Christian Dunn were approved to serve as the nominating committee to search for 2013-2014 executive board members. Nominees will be announced in March with a vote to come in April.
9. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.