

Call to Order 7:00- Welcome to all and to Mr. Trumbauer

Mr. Trumbauer- thanks for invitation- No one will be happy with this budget this year. The county executive will fund \$15 million less than the maintenance of effort required... aside from education cuts there are furlough days for state workers and libraries will have hours cut. Education is my passion and we will do what we can to fund schools and reduce impacts. Once we get the budget Friday we have 6 weeks to mess with it- more than 50% is education. In district 6 where we are there are many school fundings coming up- Now it is the Annapolis Feeder's turn... Green Street and Bates and Mills-Parole, and Rolling Knolls, and Phoenix are slated for feasibility studies this year. Hillsmere is slated for 2014.

Questions: Since we are starting being advocates for our school- how do we do this in a timely fashion? **Answer:** County Council people are part time and advocacy is my other full-time job. The best way to make a case is to show hard facts to back up why you want what you want... rank from strategic plan, enrollment numbers- need hard data. Elected officials also want a human element of why it is important to the people involved. Most decisions are done during budget process- April- May- many opportunities for presenting one's case... If 50 people show up and 2-3 present relevant material- and ask all who are supporting this to stand up- that will show support and not bore the audience...

Schedule: Feasibility study, then one year of design process, and then building starts soon after- remember Germantown was in about one year after the feasibility study- 3-4 year process... 2014 study, 2016-2017 start any renovations. Hillsmere is in the second tier- the first tier is finished this year and may get to the second tier schools this year. Using political influence and writing emails and get in position to be good effective advocates.

Question: Any county money for things the schools need? **Answer:** property tax cap is part of that reason- but this is not going anywhere any time soon. Most people are still not paying full assessment- transfer tax is where we are getting hit- when you buy or sell property- but since it's not selling these last two years, there are not transfer taxes coming into AA county. One other source is the local income tax (piggy back tax) of max 3.2% and AACo is at 2.56%- third lowest local income tax – just above Worcester and Talbot counties...

There is not enough revenue to provide the services the constituents want. No push to increase revenue from the county executive this year.

The Hillsmere Buzz is the only PTA newsletter that Mr. T gets.- you must be doing something right!

The best way to get what you want is to work collaboratively.

Feel free to call our office- and contact the county delegation- led by Mike Busch

Roll Call- no report from membership

Minutes Approval held today for the next meeting

President's report (Jenn Barrett) 7:21- We have proposed slate for board for next year- if you know someone who is interested please let me know before April 30. I have to send it out 10 days before we vote on it- to the chairs- on May 1. At the May 10 meeting we will vote on the board. If more than one person for each office each can have 2 min to speak about why they want the position. Pres is not up for vote- because it is a 2 yr commitment- Tres is 2 yr commitment starting this year and all others are one year.

Last day of school is June 14 and all early dismissals etc move up a day.

Treasurer's report- Since the treasurer is recovering from surgery, the budget is attached- look at report and if you have questions that I can't answer we can write it and ask or you can email her...

Q- If there is money left over from other committees – we only need 6 more SMART boards all classrooms will have one- we need about \$10,400 to supply these- can we take the money to fund this technology. In reserves we need to keep \$10,000 ... or else we run the risk of not having the money next year to start the year.

Principal's report (Ms. Wagner)

7:34- Ms. Carroll and Ms. Gorsky- thank you we are at a turning point in technology- Mr. Truffer gave us \$3500 for 3 SMART boards and stands- mulch will support one more- I will not be here for May meeting.

Science fair- made it mandatory for kids... the quality of the project is superior- lots of judges coming out of community. We will contact winners' parents after last judging- on Wednesday night and Thursday at 2:30 we will have the awards presented... Next year we will make sure to have time for visitors- tomorrow people can come and visit- Third in media; 4th and 5th in the music room and the special ed resource room. Pre-K, K, 1 and 2nd grade group projects are in primary hall

9:15 or 9:30 is promotion time on last day

Beach day May 6

Field Day Friday June 10th ? Might be June 9th ? Pre-K and k do their own field day!

Pre-K last day June 8th before early dismissals begin.

Family Fun night (May 19th) may be postponed- will meet after Easter to decide.

Reading teacher being excessed... but we did not lose any teachers- we did lose Triple-A- this is last year and so we lose the funding.

Level 5 ED transitional program- may leave here due to space being at Phoenix.

Intensity 5 non-public program will be housed here- not behavior issues, just kids with learning differences. We will retain the Assistant Principal position.

Talent development teacher will return soon. We are one of the only schools who has a full-time talent development teacher in Math-

We will have a new reading program next year. This will need lots of training and it is new to teachers. Training for teachers in June after school is out. "Treasures" is the name of the reading program.

Q: Any guess on numbers? A: No, we don't get those numbers -
Too early to start the process- in mid- August you can start letting people know we need more teachers- don't start now...

Grade 5- 2 teachers- 29.5 kids
Grade 4- 3 teachers- 28 in class
Grade 3- 3 teachers- 28 students
Grade 2- 3 teachers- 27 students
Grade 1- 4 teachers- 20 students
K- 4 teachers- 78 kids- 19-20 students

Our kids were so great for MSA- I was so proud- everyone used strategies and appeared to give their best. They did well.

PYP- exploratory- but no one is getting it next year. Primary version of IB program. I have asked verbally and in writing for this program.

See what we can do to build a relationship with AMS- invite some AMS and BMS students to share their info

Mr. Frazier- Well-done! Just missed first place at Chess tournament by 1 point...

Suggestion from PTA- maybe AMS kids can come down and promote the play- and let's announce our PTA meetings and then ask them to promote ours. Invite AMS parents to meet 5th grade parents to share info. Drug and Alcohol prevention program at Annapolis High School is scheduled soon.

Committee Reports:

Box Tops- Angie- Giant just ended this year \$2250.36 coming at beginning of May- box tops- this year we receive \$670. Campbells give us stuff- this year- 9200 points to get model clay, basketballs, footballs, jump ropes- each wing has a bag to take out-

Outreach- Kathi- new things from this year- robotics club, facebook page- 42 people-friended contacts- www.Hillsmerepta.org is a new web page- papers could be posted here- lunch schedules, grade schedules, etc... Tasting of Greens- Committee Reports are great for next year- Family Fun night, Parent Volunteer Coordinators, Ice Cream social, etc... about \$395 made on mulch.

PTA training- why use Robert's Rules? No records are found then could be trouble later. Lots of training available to PTA members and officers- Donuts with Dad, ChuckE Cheese nights, See SurveyMonkey.com – need to approve agenda at beginning of meeting or to add minutes to something

PR bazaar- booklet of how to get events in public publications- Ideas for self posting calendars- MYTIME by the capital... some gimmicks to help... need to find ways to make pta membership diverse- feed people and they will come.

Tech Fund (Judi)- Thank you to every body- Thank you to Angie to have people send notes and thanks for every body for sending in money, writing letters to Mr truffer and for buying mulch and making donations. Let's figure out what we are doing by getting info from treasurer to give us the balance.

Thanks for guys for helping- Danny and Russ and others

Landscaping- got funded from Annapolis Middle \$2000 grant- and plants from Annapolis Greenscape- try for outdoor learning space

4th and 5th grade- backyard nature club -One teacher and one parent

May 2nd- week to do planting project- led by Ms. Ferrer- will be on a smaller scale

Still looking for help to scrape off wood chips that are squashing the plants- parent will take care of that.

Robotics- we have such awesome pictures of the kids if you need it for PR- Fall and winter session- hoping to have beginner session for spring- but not enough parent support- ARINC is going to see if they can help- before school 7:45- 8:45am- 4th and 5th graders. If parent of younger child wants to facilitate this program the kid can join... anyone welcome. PTA is not here to serve you... everyone needs to help. It won't exist if other parents don't help.

Teacher Appreciation- lunch- two things a breakfast on Monday and Parent lunch on Wednesday- need help setting up... coffee machine over MSAs were loved- deliver machine free for use and pay for coffee for rest of year-

Die-cut machine for decorations... both are donations from PTA to teachers for Teacher Appreciation week.

No unfinished business-

New Business-

Motion from Mr. Frazier- chess club is over and we want to show Finding Bobby Fisher- afternoon- parents invited with rewards and a gift- 13 regulars and 9 went to tournament- thanks to PTA for \$20 per kid to send them- we played Davidsonville Elemn and we won first round... individual got first place- have pictures for yearbook- had one expert visit and two tournaments.... The motion is: movie night and chess club both have left over money- Motion to give money left over from Movie Night and Chess Club to tech fund by scott frazier- second- Yari Edstrom- 15in favor, None opposed

Cultural Arts- Shakespeare going into the classrooms- 4th graders- doing witches and fairies as a theme-

Motion to adjourn- Debbie Jones

Second- Scott Frazier