

**Waynewood Elementary School PTA
Membership Meeting – March 7, 2017**

Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 600pm by Maureen Beddis.

Secretary's Report (Erika Olsen): Please remember to sign in if you haven't done so already. The minutes from February were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report (Kat Ciovacco): March 2017 PTA Budget report in the back. No news other than that.

Vice President's Report (Karin Dushaw): Nothing to report.

President's Report (Maureen Beddis):

- a. Modifying the format for our meeting tonight to accommodate our special guest, Fairfax County School Board Member: Karen Corbett-Sanders. We will pick up any committee reports & those from Mr. Meier & Ms. Berenbaum after our session with Miss Corbett Sanders, to allow her time to get to her next constituent meeting.
- b. Miss Corbett-Sanders was elected to the school board in November 2015.
- c. She's held countless volunteer positions relating to local PTA's & educational advisory committees and is a Fairfax County Public Schools alumni from ES on through HS
- d. We've invited Ms. Corbett-Sanders here tonight, as a follow up to our meeting in December with FCPS Design & Construction:
 - i. During that meeting, we questioned the design capacity of our renovated school.
 - ii. We have been told that after renovation, our design capacity will be 750 student.
 - iii. We know our current study population is more than 790.
 - iv. Design & construction informed us that if we were to utilize every room in the design plans labeled a multi-purpose or resource room, we could hold up to 875 students.
 - v. At the same time, the CIP released by the county in late December – states that the county will review Waynewood's student membership after renovation, and if over capacity – will consider utilizing surplus space at neighboring schools.
- e. That is a quick summary of the facts as this PTA Board understands them, relative to WWES, however we know there are also capacity issues all the way on up the WestPo pyramid.
- f. Miss Corbett-Sanders, we are hoping you can help the community to understand how capacity is determined, and what some of that language in the CIP really means. After listening generously, we can take some questions from the community in attendance.
 - i. Karen Corbett-Sanders to speak here.
 - 1. Thank you for inviting me. First let me say, that I regret that I didn't know about your December meeting. If I had known, I would have been there. I want to start with how we got where we are today, and that starts by going back four years ago. Four years ago is when the school board looked at what was happening in Mount Vernon region with

regards to the age and capacity of the schools. Every 25 years, in order to stay in good standing with our AAA rating, we should be conducting an in-depth study that provides a detailed analysis on the age, quality and capacity of our schools. Four years ago they determined that they needed to do this in the West Potomac Pyramid. As a result, multiple schools to include many of the local elementary schools came up requiring renovation within a similar renovation timeframe.

At the same time that many of the local schools were due for renovation, there was also a nearby BRAC realignment. As a result of the BRAC realignment, a new school was built on Fort Belvoir. At that point because in the shift in capacity that resulted in the new school on Fort Belvoir, the Fairfax County School Board determined that they need to look at this from a holistic approach. The other factor regarding a capacity issue was at West Point. The capacity issue has been an ever-increasing problem at West Potomac. Currently, there are 2615 students West Potomac. Additionally, there are 1600 students next year at Carl Sandburg Middle School. So, essentially there are two things going on simultaneously, 1- renovation of aging schools within the West Potomac pyramid and 2- increasing capacity issues at the middle school and high school level within the West Potomac pyramid. As a result, there are two issues for the current issue bring raised about Waynewood ES.

When Waynewood ES was slated for renovation, there was a team put together that worked together on the design of the future school to include members of this community. At that time, the design was based on the population of Waynewood ES plus one additional classroom. As a result, there are two capacity numbers. There was a design capacity for this school which was 875 and a program capacity which was 775. The program capacity is based on what are the current programs in the school. The renovation team provided input that they wanted an improved music room, improved gym space, an improved art room, and other classroom improvement. However, Waynewood ES also made some local decisions. Waynewood increased its inclusion programs and enhanced its Advanced Academic Program.

That's how we have arrived at the conversation that we are having tonight. Unfortunately, the decision for the current design was agreed to over a year ago and the construction bid went out and was awarded this fall. Additionally, no one came to me personally (Karen Corbett-Sanders) to let me know that there was a capacity issue with the current renovation design. The challenge now is that there is a construction design based on an already approved capacity, which allows for one extra resource room for each grade level. The near-term question is do you use all those resource rooms for additional space or do you use them for classrooms space? The construction process has begun with

Phase 1 completing on 1 Oct 2017, and the whole renovation completing by the following year.

2. Karen Corbett-Sanders asked Mr. Meier if the bathroom issue was resolved for the student modular nicknamed The Owl's Nest. Mr. Meier responded that the real problem is that there are no bathroom for staff. Karen Corbett-Sanders said she will follow up with regards to that.
3. A parent asked Karen Corbett-Sanders to expand on the capacity issues at West Potomac HS and Carl Sandburg MS. Karen Corbett-Sanders replied that there are 1600 students slated for Carl Sandburg MS. However, there is wiggle room in that school because it is newly renovated and there is some flexibility in the design. The bigger challenge is at West Potomac HS. There are 2900 students attending West Potomac HS, and there is a lot of pressure for re-looking the boundary for that HS. Karen Corbett-Sanders attested that she is fighting very hard to keep that process from happening in a way that undermines that community like it did in 1985. Right now, is to relook the current school boundaries after we get through most the local renovation, so we can look more holistically across the West Potomac pyramid.
4. A parent asked if the school board is looking at boundaries between two school pyramids particularly the Mount Vernon HS pyramid. Karen Corbett-Sanders believes that to be "shifting chairs on the titanic." Karen Corbett-Sanders is urging system too look at 3 to 4 shchool pyramids to solve this capacity similar to the approach they took in the Tysons school system versus cross-leveling between West Potomac HS and Mount Vernon HS. Given the current capacity charts where certain local schools are under-capacity such as Hayfield, Mount Vernon, South County, it is an easy conclusion to jut shift students between one pyramid to another. However, I do not believe that best suites the needs and wants of this community.
5. A parent asked what some alternative solutions to the aforementioned problem are. Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that the school board should be reviewing other pyramids on the other side of Route 1. Currently, Karen Corbett-Sanders believes there is a great risk to students traveling across that highway to get to their school. And that there aren't current transportation routes on buses and bike lanes that assist in kids crossing Route 1.
6. A parent asked that given the fact that Fort Hunt ES and Stratford ES are under capacity and Waynewood ES is projected as overcapacity, has any thought be given to shifting students? Karen Corbett-Sanders answered that yes, there is always talk about solving capacity issues at the local level.
7. A parent commented that Karen Corbett-Sanders has identified a long range plan for the West Potomac pyramid capacity issues. The question

was what the short term plan for current student capacity is? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that Waynewood ES does have some student placement. We can't keep doing that during the renovation period. Waynewood ES will have a design capacity for 875. So Waynewood ES will have enough space for their current population of 790.

8. A parent asked that basically the school is being built for a capacity of 875 using music rooms? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that there is an additional resource room for each grade.
9. A parent remarked that there is not an extra resource room for each grade. There would be a total of 3 extra resource rooms. So, there won't be one extra per each grade. Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that she was told that there was 5 extra resource rooms that could be converted to classrooms. The parent responded that based on current construct, we would max out all classrooms and the additional 3 resource rooms. Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that there is another issue at play which is fighting for resources. The current budget situation within Fairfax County is potentially looking at another budget cut that could go as high as \$60M and as low as \$20 M. The school board voted to increase classroom sizes by $\frac{1}{2}$ students. That will have an impact on capacity. Unfortunately, there will be additional students added to the existing space. Karen Corbett-Sanders recommended that we as a community please weigh in with the school supervisor and chair of supervisors to influence these proposed budget cuts.
10. A parent as are the plans finished/done? Is there any chance to increase capacity or change the current renovation? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that there is no chance for changing the current renovation because there is capacity in the local region.
11. A parent remarked that there is a lot of confusing numbers used during this conversation and that's adding to the confusion of this problem. Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that there Waynewood ES has a program capacity of 775. Karen Corbett-Sanders is going off the most recent numbers used in the design and understands the importance of using accurate numbers. However, local changes in programming at Waynewood ES and pupil placement at Waynewood ES has increased the program capacity since this study was done. Frankly, hats off to you as a community that people are choosing to keep their kids here.
12. A parent asked where are these numbers coming from? The Waynewood PTA president responded that there are copies of the current Construction Implementation Plan in the back of the room and that it was attached in the emails that went out. The current CIP reflects these numbers.
13. A parent asked that based on the current utilization rate projected for 2020-2021, which has Waynewood ES at 118% would Karen Corbett-

Sanders estimate that any changes would occur after 2020-2021? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that we are waiting for the area to stabilize for a bit and after all the renovations. There is one exception to that which is Bucknell ES. They will be evaluated before we look at the capacity issues from a more holistic approach. Bucknell ES's renovations started before many of the other local schools and there was a historic decision to double the size of Bucknell ES. Karen Corbett-Sanders was not on the school board at the time, but Bucknell ES is currently under capacity.

14. A parent asked that this change at Bucknell ES must impact the regions? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that there are several renovations along Route 1. Northhill ES was just granted approval to begin building a new school. We can't look at filling Bucknell Es right away without having to re-draw the boundaries. However, we know there is a lot of growth within that footprint. There is a newly constructed neighborhood right across the belt way that will feed into that school. Additionally, River Tower's apartment high rise has just been approved for renovation. They are gutting them and we are slating additional students. With all the development happening at the same time we are renovating multiple local schools, we would rather maintain current boundaries than have students move and then have to move again. We are trying to stabilize the area for the near term. The CIPs in the past were only projected in 5 year blocks, so there used to be changes in certain schools that weren't taken into account. However, we believe that there are changes in this county that will support the current capacity at Bucknell ES.
15. A parent asked about the new school that will be built and when will it be built? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that the new school will be built in 2021. It's been delayed a bit. The new school will be located on Pinewood lakes, which is a piece of land that Fairfax County has owned since the late 1970s and is essentially right behind the Costco on Route 1. This new school will alleviate some of the pressure on the local elementary schools such as Hybla Valley, Groveton, and Mount Eagle. Currently, Mount Eagle has no student capacity. There is a lot of redevelopment that is adding to the capacity issue at Mount Eagle ES. Karen Corbett-Sanders reiterated that she is trying not to rush to re-boundary decision until there is more stabilization in the region with regards to renovations.
16. A parent asked that if we are holding off this decision for stabilization, would it be another 5 years for Waynewood ES? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that capacity at other these other schools has nothing to do with boundaries. When most the renovation is done, then we plan to have a broader conversation about boundary changes.

17. A parent asked that if Stratford Landing ES is being renovated to a larger design than its current capacity, why have they been losing students? Karen Corbett-Sanders that she is spectating that there are multiple factors. One is that Waynewood ES is retaining their Level IV kids every year since the start of their local level IV program. Also, there is a greater number of students staying at their base school and being home schooled kids. However, Karen Corbett-Sanders remarked that this was anecdotal.
18. A parent asked that in terms of boundaries, is a child is enrolled at Waynewood ES are you grandfathered in? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that what typically happens is that there has been some level of grandfathering. However, Pre-kindergarten or kindergarten kids do not that same acknowledgment as the upper grades. Karen Corbett-Sanders reiterated that to be very clear, the community will be involved. If boundaries are involved, she is adamant that the community must be involved- it should be an open dialog to discuss these details such as timing, grandfathering, etc. Any boundary decisions wouldn't be done until after renovations. That is the current plan, so that would be end of school year 2019-2020. Stratford Landing ES will be done earlier. And there is still the exception for Bucknell ES.
19. A parent asked how long is the boundary decision making process? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that it typically starts in the fall and ends in the spring. Fort Belvoir was a somewhat different situation. The Base Commander had requested an accelerated process, so there were minor adjustments in boundaries for Fairfax County. It was a unique situation because it was a done deal in which every child living on base was going back to school on base.
20. A parent asked what the process for the community to change the renovations and are we too late? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that Stratford Landing ES is already in renovation and design skeletal work is done. Karen Corbett-Sanders does not see that there will be any changes to the renovations at Waynewood ES. In order to make any changes, all 12 members of the school board would have to approve it and we are all fighting for the same resources. The school board will not add additional resources to Waynewood ES when there is capacity at Stratford Landing ES and other local schools in the region. Karen Corbett-Sanders thinks it would be highly unlikely.
21. A parent asked to explain the timeline again and that the timing laid out throughout the evening has been confusing. Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that capacity in region could be shifted when we are closer to being done with local school renovations. Stratford Landing is being built for their current and projected excess. Karen Corbett-Sanders said that the school board will look at capacity as renovations near completion. Additionally, she added that Hollin Meadows ES is being

renovated to the same size it is today. However, Hollin Meadows ES is being built for a program capacity of 766 and it currently has 624 students. Karen Corbett-Sanders reiterated that students are not shifting before renovation is completed.

22. The PTA president asked to her to please review the timeline again and to answer whether we or aren't waiting for renovation to be completed before the conversation about boundary changes begins? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that the boundary conversation will likely begin in the fall and end in the spring. Conversation would start in fall 2019 and the decision would occur in 2020. Karen Corbett-Sanders responded will get us an answer. She is committing to us that she will share all info she has with our community. There is no exact timeline as of right now. But if she was "reading the tea leaves", this is the projected timeline. Karen Corbett-Sanders also reiterated that unfortunately, these decisions were made before Karen Corbett-Sanders got a vote at the table. She repeated that she is committed to work with us.
23. Mr. Meier reiterated to the group that he did bring this to the attention of Fairfax County design and construction, and that there are certain members of the renovation committee here tonight that can witness and verify this point. Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that she understands what Mr. Meier said. He responded that he brought it up several time to the school board, and it was swept under the rug. Karen Corbett-Sanders responded she has a tough job, and you are answering questions before you were on the board. Karen Corbett-Sanders added that as soon as she got an inquiry from the Waynewood ES PTA board, she responded immediately.
24. A parent asked at what point does overcapacity and overcrowding become unsafe? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that this is an excellent question. Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that they are looking to do at Carl Sandburg MS what they are currently doing at West Potomac HS. They have closed pupil placement other than grandfathered-in students, and that is slowing the pace of growth at West Potomac HS. The next step is to move programs out of West Potomac HS that are not central to core education of grades 9th-12th. Karen Corbett-Sanders said that they are exploring this in order to free up capacity. She has been working on that since the beginning of the year, but there have been some principle changes and that has held up the process. Additionally Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that the school board requested that Fairfax County design and construction team determine if West Potomac HS is utilizing space in the best possible way. This should be the way ahead for Carl Sandburg as well.
25. A parent asked that when Stratford Landing ES renovation is done, is there a plan that Waynewood ES receives their modular? Karen Corbett-

Sanders responded she would prefer that no modular is moved throughout the entire region. There was a proposal that these modulares were supposed to go to West Potomac HS where their band practices. However, they are looking at other ways they can utilize the space in West Potomac HS within the building so they don't have to move modulares.

26. A parent asked if there was a plan in 2020 to do an addition to West Potomac HS because of the 123% overcrowding. This was announced at a booster meeting and put out that this school was slated for an addition in 2020-2021. Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that it would not be a full story addition. It would just be a second story addition on the single layer part of the building but that they don't want to lose parking spots. Additionally, she said she wants to make sure that we are adding the right kind of space. She said they don't have enough lab space and for the academy program that helps students certify in certain medical sciences ahead of time which also adds to the reason why they are exceeding program capacity.
27. A parent asked what should we do now? How can we add on to the current construction design? Could we raise that money ourselves? Is this something that the community could do? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that this is an interesting concept. She was not certain that we can just build on Fairfax County property. The parent responded that if we could we guarantee the funding for that change renovation, would the board be open to it? If it a budget issue, then could we convince the 12 school board members if they didn't have to fight for those resource. Karen Corbett-Sanders responded she will ask the question, but caveated that she didn't think it had ever been done before. Another parent provided an example in which she believed it had been done before. In 1997, Springhill ES was under renovation, and in the plans there was no bathrooms in the 1st and 2nd grader classrooms. So the local community funded 10 bathrooms in the 10 classrooms. Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that she needed to find out if it possible.
28. A parent that was part of the initial renovation committee sad that there were three objectives for the committee team: 1- They wanted to make sure there was enough space for the Art program, Physical Education program, and Music program. 2- They wanted to maintain a community footprint, and that the extra resource rooms were not intended to accommodate additional classrooms but they were intended for extra space for current grade levels. 3- They determined that it would be a great tragedy to have a capacity issue after going through the renovation. The parent also remarked that at the time of this committee ther e was a lot of conversations around redistricting, and that added to some of the confusion. But, now it seems like we haven't met objectives 2 and 3. So what can we do? Do we need a

large capital campaign and how as a community do we have the ability to reform the current construction that didn't address those issues? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that she considers the community the entire West Potomac pyramid. Although Karen Corbett-Sanders wasn't part of those conversation, she was on the other side of those PTAs to ensure we have community schools and similar services. She reiterated that boundary conversations are happening all the time, and that Waynewood ES is not being singled out or treated differently.

29. A parent asked what other recourse is there? Is there anything we can do because Mr. Meier and original renovation committee doesn't feel like they were heard and the answer we seem to be getting is "wait and see"? The parent also remarked that the challenge was that our concerns and objectives were discussed throughout this process. This community and its parents are very committed to this school, administration, and teachers so what can we do? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that the renovation would house the current number of students currently at Waynewood ES today. If the population outgrows the school, then the school board will look what is happening around the local area. Karen Corbett-Sanders said that she will ask the question to the school board whether the community could fund an addition to the current renovation. However, she noted that the school board is looking at the community different from us- Waynewood ES community versus West Potomac Pyramid community.
30. A parent asked for confirmation whether boundary change discussions were within the West Potomac pyramid or are they talking about cross over between West Potomac pyramid and other pyramids in the region? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that our community wants to remain in the West Potomac pyramid. However, having said that she does not want history to repeat itself and have the same ramifications the community had in 1985.
31. The parent responded that this feels similar to 1985 as she was also in the area when they closed Fort Hunt HS and asked pointedly to confirm whether or not the capacity at West Potomac pyramid was going to force the school board to moving kids to Mount Vernon pyramid? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that her objective was not to change boundaries outside of West Potomac pyramid. She remarked that people are going to need to support local board members on this. She said, "I don't have crystal ball in what is going to happen in the next 3 years." Karen Corbett-Sanders responded said she will bring us into the conversation and that she wishes she could say at this time here is the game plan, but there are too many variables right now and that makes this very hard. The parent responded back that we would like to see West Potomac pyramid protected beyond anything else. Karen Corbett-

Sanders responded she is committed and engaged and believe there are good solutions to avoid that from happening.

32. Another parent asked how can we be helpful to you in order to keep West Potomac pyramid intact? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that at this point there is not a lot to do. She said to stay engaged, get involved as things change in the community, and work together as a community so we can all get a solution. She said that the school board is looking to you as our advocate. She also remarked that this is a balancing act between the 23 schools within the pyramid.
33. A parent asked if we are willing to come up with the money to change the renovation then there should be a minimal impact to the other communities and Fairfax County? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that there are lots of down-trace impacts to increasing the footprint of a school such as environmental, water, utilities, maintenance, etc. She commented that the fact remains that the renewal and redevelopment throughout this region but has an impact on our school population.
34. A parent asked who should we contact about to ensure that boundary lines in the future stop dividing a single neighborhood into two different elementary schools such as what is happening to a development on near Collingwood? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that she didn't realize that was contributing to the population growth at Waynewood ES. Dan Stork is the one that approves it. It is then voted on by 10 board members. The local planning commissioner is Earl Flanagan and the at large commissioner is Tim Sergeant.
35. A teacher asked on a different now Karen Corbett-Sanders to address the current "snow day" issue this year. The teacher said that the Virginia Department of Education that the school year should not exceed a 180 calendar year or 990 hours. However, by the time we get to 23 June 2017 we will have exceeded both. The teacher asked is there any way that the school board can impact this so that the teachers and students are not exceeding these thresholds? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that she agrees with the teachers comments. Karen Corbett-Sanders responded has asked for a legal read on this issue. Karen Corbett-Sanders responded said that growing up in Fairfax County, we were always let out around the 11 or 12 of June. Additionally, we always went back to day after Labor Day. However, there was a big push for a two week vacation for the Winter Holiday vacation, which Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that she doesn't really agree with. So, as a result this has pushed the school year another week out. Also, when we used to have ½ day Mondays we were able to stay below 990 hour if we had winter or fall storms, and we could absorb those days off and ask for a waiver. However, the 990 hours is not applicable if the superintendent has not submitted a waiver. Karen Corbett-Sanders provided the example that Alexandria City schools are closed tomorrow because

there have been no winter snow days and a majority of the teachers have requested a sick day tomorrow in protest. However, Fairfax County has had very few teachers request off. Karen Corbett-Sanders said that she would ask again and speak to the interim superintendent.

36. A parent commented that since we are starting a week earlier next school year it seems like logical that we should give our kids an opportunity for summer and get out a week earlier this school calendar year.
37. A teacher asked Karen Corbett-Sanders to address the length of the school day. Currently, the school day is 8:45am-4:45pm for those kids that ride the bus. By the time they get home, do their homework, eat dinner, and get ready for bed at 7:30 pm, when is there time for them to just be kids? The teacher also commented that when we went to ½ day Mondays, we added on to ½ an hour to Tuesday-Friday. When they took away ½ day Mondays, we didn't get that ½ back and instead were given 13 snow days. Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that she will weigh in again in order to get time back to students and teachers.
38. The PTA Vice President asked who should we contract about someone reaching out to the local community to provide renovation information such as timeline, work hours, and disruptions? She commented that three years ago there was a letter sent out but that there is a need for a new letter to provide the most recent information about the renovation and that we need more regular communication in the future. Karen Corbett-Sanders asked Mr. Meier if the construction information was posted on the Waynewood ES website? Mr. Meier responded that they post all the information they have. Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that Brady Roach oversees this renovation project and she will him draft something to address construction daily work hours including Saturday, the ingress and egress for the worksite, and who anyone should contact for issues.
39. Karen Corbett-Sanders asked if this community was interested in the Superintendent search? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that they have had a series of town hall meetings in January and February. The school board published a job description that had the top priorities as academic rigor, program access, and good money management. The position description was published in media outlets across the country. Once they have a list of potential candidates, there will be an initial interview with the school board. After that, there will be a paired down list of candidates that will go through a second interview with local community stakeholders such as PTA association, Principle association, Military association, etc. After the community panel, there will be a 3rd interview with the school board, and they will make their recommendations by the May timeframe with the hope that the new superintendent will start by July 1st, 2017.

40. A parent asked what is the timeline on the West Potomac principal? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that they didn't want to do it over the summer because they like to get community input. There are currently two vacancies that are unexpected- the Walt Whitman principal past away in January. They are looking to start the hiring process right after spring break.
41. A parent asked why are high school sports starting so early and will they start even earlier give the week earlier start next year? Karen Corbett-Sanders responded that the Virginia sports league association sets the date for all the school within the state. She remarked that many schools start even earlier. Karen Corbett-Sanders was adamant they would not move up the high school sports start day to once week earlier. She stated that kid's need a break and a summer vacation especially high school kids that are getting so overscheduled that we have to protect that time.
42. The Waynewood PTA board that Karen Corbett-Sanders for attending.

Principal's Report (Mr. Meier): Thanked the book fair folks for doing a wonderful job organizing and to the bingo night folks as well. That was a great evening too. He asked if there were any questions for him. He added that just to clarify for everyone that Waynewood ES has 24 or 25 students that live outside of boundary as a result of daycare, employees' children, and kids that live in the community that are staying for the advanced academic. I don't look at those students as students that shouldn't be here. It has been put on the table many times. I want to commend the PTA board for doing everything they did tonight and all that they can do. From the get go, we have been looking at every nook and cranny of this school for some elbow room for our kids. Sadly, it looks like we are going back to kids on top of each other in a beautifully renovated rooms. If it's not a resource room and it's going to be used as a classroom, then call it a classroom. It was frustrating that the school system new all along that there was space and they were going to address capacity by cross leveling. That was the frustrating part. The bottom line is that renovation and education don't make great dance partners. It's a lot to ask a community to go through renovation for three years and then ask to add modulares or have students sitting on top of each other.

Assistant Principal's Report (Ms. Berenbaum): Everything has been published in newsletter. All testing dates has been posted on website. Parents need to be mindful of those dates.

Standing Committee Reports

Committee Chairs who are present:

Spring Fling (Carrie Henderson):

It's in two months on May 12th. Basket signups are coming out this week. It's a super hero theme.

Book Fair (Rebecca Losee/Heather Eggert)

Sales for Winter Book Fair totaled \$12,964, of that PTA profits are \$3,241 and the Library received \$1620.50 for books. We collected 262 pairs of jeans for local shelters and gave out as least as many books. The next fair is April 24-18 and will feature buy one-get one program & 6th grade ChickFilA fundraiser. As fair gets closer, a sign up genius will be circulated for volunteers.

Teacher Appreciation (Kristen Hardy)

A handout was provided to detail all the teacher appreciation events.

Food drive: Totals as of today: Green Team (Mr. M) at 4,142 and White Team (Mrs. B) at 2,297.

Committee Reports not present:**Nominating Committee:**

Kristen Hardy, Sandy Forti, Deb Sanchez

Will begin looking at volunteers & prospective candidates

Present a slate for consideration in April/May for voting in June.

Clean Kitchen Club (Ali Santore/Amy McNamara):

Our next CK will be in April (date TBD) at Noodles & Company. We generated more than \$200 for the PTA thru our most recent event @ Moe's.

School Supplies (Kelli Adams):

Working with the teachers to create the supply lists for the next school year. This information has to be back to Sprout by April 1st so that our online store is available starting May 1st.

Military kid month is next month. We will be sending out more info. Maria Gustafson is the lead for this.

Volunteers for Next SY

Along with the nominating committee activity for the board, we will be reaching out to committee volunteers to gauge interest/availability or helping next year. We like to have those positions lined up and filled by the beginning of summer, so if we haven't talked to you yet to firm up your interest, we will be!

Old Business**New Business**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm

Next Scheduled PTA April 4th, 6pm, Cafeteria