

**PTA General Meeting**  
**June 2, 2015, 6:30 pm**  
**HES Library**

Attendance: about 15 people, including County Councilwoman Deni Taveras

**1. PTA support for teacher professional development**

- At the request of Principal Julia Burton, the PTA and Bart Lawrence sought and have attained funding for a professional development program for several HES teachers.
- Ms. Burton requested the funds for six staff to attend a Talented and Gifted (TAG) curriculum workshop offered by the College of William and Mary. In Ms. Burton's previous position as a TAG coordinator in Iowa, she regularly sent teachers to this program and was very pleased with the results. The program will offer training in doing TAG math in regular classrooms and to work with under-identified students in TAG.
- Ms. Burton said that the county's budget cuts and moratorium on non-local travel prevented the school from funding the professional development.
- The staff to attend would be:
  - Ms. Ramsey, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
  - Mr. McCaffrey, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
  - Ms. Jones, 4<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Ms. Cooper, 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Ms. Page, TAG coordinator
  - Ms. Burton, Principal
- Bart contacted County Councilwoman Deni Taveras, who agreed to donate \$2500 to the PTA to support this professional development.
- The amount needed for the training, hotel, and travel is \$3000, which leaves \$500 to come from the PTA budget. The PTA can vote to amend the budget to designate the full \$3000 to support teacher professional development.
- Bart Lawrence moved to amend the budget to designate \$3000 for teacher professional development, and the motion was seconded. President Mary Warneka called for a vote, and the vote to amend the budget passed unanimously.

**2. Prince George's County budget**

Councilwoman Deni Taveras discussed the recent vote by the county council to not raise the property tax by 15% to support schools.

**3. PTA budget**

Treasurer Heather Roymans passed out copies of the budget, and said the PTA is in good condition. Several budget items were still unspent, and several other did not use the full amount that had been budgeted. Only a few budget items went over their designated amounts. There was a discussion of how the unused money could be spent. Ms. Burton indicated that there was a need for a new fridge for the staff lounge and a laminator. As these items are fairly large, it was decided that a vote to budget for these items would wait until the first meeting of the next school year.