School Partnership Board Report

Meeting Date: **November 17, 2026**

(*Bold items are new)

Plans for 2026-2027 School Year:

Library Card Contest:

The contest is for First Graders at Lord Baltimore Elementary School. It is a competition to see which classroom can get the most students with a library card. We are looking into having a colored library application to separate and track who gets a card from the contest. **December 18, 2026, at 1:00pm Megan Bunting, children's librarian, will meet with parents at a First-Grade concert to accept card applications. If anyone is available, she could use some help.** The campaign will run from December to February. A pizza party will be held for the winning classroom.

Field Trip:

A field trip for first graders will be arranged sometime during the Library Card Contest. Megan and Sue will provide a tour of the library, Storytime and a craft.

Writing Contest:

Second Graders will have the opportunity to enter a writing contest, "My Library, My Story", during the Spring. The goal is to encourage children to see the library not just as a place for books, but as a place for adventure, discovery, friendship and imagination. Students will be allowed to choose from three prompts. Teachers will pick top stories from each classroom to submit into the judging phase. "Celebratory" judges will choose four winners;

“Young Author of the Year” – Grand Prize, Most Imaginative Story, Best Library Adventure and Funniest Story. At the end of the contest participating students and their families will be invited to the library for a “Meet the Young Author” Celebration. Each child will receive a paperback book and a certificate. The winning book will be bound and presented. Two copies will be kept in the library for display and circulation. **I will be meeting with Amanda Miller, the Reading Specialist at Lord Baltimore on December 18, 2026, at 9am to discuss details.**

Author Visit:

Amanda Miller the Reading Specialist from Lord Baltimore provided the committee with two potential authors that they would love to have visit the school. This experience would serve approximately 510 students in kindergarten through fifth grade and promote reading enjoyment, creativity and lifelong literacy. Both authors have written books geared to primary and intermediate students. The committee chose Nancy Viau as the visiting author. Nancy will provide three assemblies of approximately 45 minutes each to cover all grade levels. This will take place in the Spring of 2027. **The dates are potentially February 3rd or 4th, 2027.** We are also recommending the purchase of some of her books for South Coastal Library.