



DRAFT VERSION

PTA General Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2021

6:00 pm via Zoom

- I. Call-to-Order--6:02 pm **Co-President Susan Mapen calls the meeting to order**
 - a. Quorum established (37 members present)
 - b. Welcome and thanks to all volunteers

- II. Presentation of Agenda
 - a. Skipping normal PTA VP updates
 - i. No Place for Hate programs are the week of February 8
 - ii. Family science night at the end of February
 - b. Susan Mapen presents Agenda
 - i. Motion to approve by Matt Fox
 - ii. Marla Johnson seconds
 - iii. Unanimous approval

- III. Approval of Minutes from General PTA Meeting of September 16, 2020
 - a. No corrections noted
 - b. Motion to approve made by Lisa Olmsted
 - i. Seconded by Jim Pursley
 - ii. Unanimous approval

- IV. Introduction of Jen Lieb—new VP-Enrichment--by Susan Mapen

- V. Election of Nominating Committee
 - a. Secretary Matt Fox explains the role of the Nominating Committee in selecting next year's PTA Executive Committee
 - b. Slate of Nominees is presented
 - c. Call for additional nominations
 - i. None noted
 - ii. Nominating committee is approved by unanimous vote



DRAFT VERSION

- VI. Carisa Quinn--Operations Report
- a. Presentation of COVID-related budgetary changes
 - b. How were funds allocated and spent?
 - i. COVID Readiness Team made a wish list
 - ii. MES Administration reviewed, revised and paid for some of the items
 - iii. Other items presented to PTA Executive Committee and Foundation Board based on purpose
 - iv. As a result of this process, PTA purchased:
 1. 65 tri-fold partitions
 2. 17 new picnic tables
 3. Seat back bags for all in person (600 so far)
 4. Additional hand sanitizer stations
 5. Water fountains that fill bottles
 6. Bottled water (15 cases so far)
 7. Clear masks for k-3/phonics
 8. 1-2 Recess kits per class including frisbees, chalk, footballs, soccer balls, and other outdoor toys
 - c. Asking to re-allocate funds to refill the discretionary and COVID funding lines that have been depleted so we can respond if the administration needs more as situation changes
- VII. Treasurer's Report—Jim Pursley
- a. Request for approval of budget re-allocation
 - i. Many of our traditional line items have money allocated that we have not spent
 1. we were refunded \$5,000 from auction vendors
 2. another \$10,000 we didn't spend related to fundraiser expenses
 - ii. Asking to re-allocate some of those funds
 1. Increase teacher appreciation budget by \$2500 for larger gifts
 2. Increase Covid Expense budget by \$25,000
 - a. \$14,000 to refill spent funds (president's discretionary and contingency funds)
 - b. \$11,000 left to cover additional COVID needs
 - iii. Even with re-allocation, \$160,000 reserve is expected on hand at the end of the school year
 - iv. All monthly statements are all on the MES website and available for review



DRAFT VERSION

- b. Jim Pursley moves for adoption of the proposed budget re-allocation
 - i. Matt Fox seconds
 - ii. Budget re-allocation is unanimously approval

- VIII. Principal Audrey Sofianos--Administration report
 - a. 2 weeks into new face to face/virtual model for k-2
 - i. Carpool has smoothed out after rough start
 - ii. 3-5 teachers are shadowing this week to see how new processes work
 - iii. Breakdown when K-5 are all back:
 - 1. 477 kids in person
 - 2. 331 virtual
 - 3. 3rd returns the most at 102/55
 - 4. K returns the fewest at 52/55
 - 5. 39 cohorts
 - a. 36 grade level classrooms
 - b. 3 gate classes
 - b. Everyone understands that asynchronous wednesdays are hard
 - i. It is their only day to meet
 - ii. Teachers are exhausted at the end of the day
 - c. Next week—wednesday—100 day of school and reunion day
 - d. Met with just virtual teachers yesterday and met with face to face separately to see what's working and what isn't
 - e. Q3 ends march 19–28 school days
 - f. Q4 intent to return opens Feb 15
 - i. If more want to return, we will probably go hybrid
 - ii. We've already cut programs and maximized space and teachers
 - g. Class size is a concern, but face to face have social distance requirements that govern
 - i. There are no more teachers to relive the virtual class size
 - h. Even prior to reopening, they have been dealing with kids, family, or staff exposed or positive
 - i. Virtual families are communicating through Nurse Petty if they are exposed
 - ii. virtual numbers don't get reported
 - i. They will let the whole school know if there is a positive case at the school
 - i. If a student tests positive, resources provided to parents



DRAFT VERSION

- ii. The student will immediately be sent to care room if at school
 - iii. Anyone in contact with that student (bus, class, mas) all notified personally with instructions
 - iv. School wide notification that an infection has been confirmed, but with a different level of information
 - v. No issues since the reopening to students
 - j. Thanks to the PTA
 - i. Generosity has been overwhelming
 - ii. Parents in the freezing cold setting up picnic tables
 - k. Questions
 - i. Surveillance testing—when does it start?
 - 1. She and Nurse Petty have a meeting in the morning where they hope to learn more
 - ii. Is she hearing about needs from other schools? We are lucky to have a CRT—some don't
 - 1. Her daily interactions are with other Grady cluster schools, and they generally have supportive parents
 - 2. Emily Cooper—CRT connected with some south side schools
 - a. Supplied them with their purchase list and a Sutton parent put together a facebook fund for south side schools
 - iii. Are there any more details on Summer School?
 - 1. No details yet other than she know the mornings will be math and literacy and afternoon similar to power up
 - 2. Unclear if there will be sites or at every school
 - 3. But no details on dates or her budget if MES is a site
- IX. Adjournment
- a. Marla Jacobs motions to adjourn
 - b. Lisa Olmsted seconds
 - i. Unanimous approval
 - ii. Meeting Adjourned