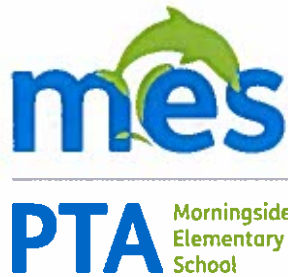


Board of Directors and General PTA Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2019  
8:15 AM – 9:15 AM

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 8:11 AM – Donna Earley called the Board of Directors meeting to order
- II. Roll Call
  - a. 8:11 AM – Quorum was established via sign-in sheet (see addendum)
- III. Board Approval for the Auditor of the 2018-2019 MES PTA Treasury Accounts
  - a. 8:12 AM – Brian Conlan presented Melissa Kreist as the Executive Committee recommendation for the PTA 2018-2019 PTA audit:
    - i. Accounting Degree awarded in 1988 and has lived in Morningside since 1994
    - ii. Worked in field of accounting for >30 years
    - iii. Currently controller for a small company in Inman Park for 6 years
    - iv. Two daughters attended Morningside Elementary, Inman Middle and Grady High
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    - viii. Will submit the completed form along with findings and recommendations
    - ix. Fee for this service will be \$1,200
  - b. 8:15 AM – Niccole Burton noted that this does put us out of compliance with the Georgia PTA guidelines.
    - i. Our PTA bylaws state that 3 parent members are supposed to perform the audit. However, for a PTA of our size and financial complexity, this is not feasible.
    - ii. Georgia PTA is aware that the MES PTA has implemented use of a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to perform our audits for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 audits and our intention to do the same for 2018-2019.
    - iii. Due to non-compliance Georgia PTA has the right to deny MES PTA access to their full programming/benefits, but the decision will essentially have no impact.  
**Note of Correction: Current PTA bylaws do not specify that the 3 members of the audit committee be parents and recent PTA guidance permits hiring an independent auditor for these purposes.**
  - c. 8:18 AM – Motion to approve Melissa Kreist as the 2018-2019 MES PTA Treasury auditor was made by Cindy Phelan. The motion was seconded by Jenny Richman. Voting to approve the motion was unanimous.
- IV. Call to Order
  - a. 8:19 AM – Donna Earley called the General Membership of the MES PTA to order
- V. Approval of Minutes and Roll-Call



- a. 8:19 AM – Donna Earley asked everyone to sign-in via the sign-in sheet and requested approval of the 02/06/19 General Membership PTA Meeting Minutes and the 03/27/19 Spring Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.
- b. Quorum was established via sign-in sheet (see addendum)
- c. **Motion to approve 02/06/19 General Membership PTA Meeting Minutes and the 03/27/19 Spring Board of Directors Meeting Minutes was made by Jenny Richman. The motion was seconded by Heidi Muller. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.**

VI. Treasurers Report – 8:20 AM – Brain Conlan

- a. The MES PTA account balances are as follows:
  - i. Wells Fargo Checking Account Balance - \$178,512.66
  - ii. Wells Fargo Savings Account Balance - \$40,074.46
  - iii. SWAG Savings Account Balance - \$9,811.59
- b. PTA is still in process of purchasing items for the school: iPads for art and technology groups, bike rack and other miscellaneous expenditures. These will be wrapped up by end of the fiscal year.
- c. Fiscal year end is July 31<sup>st</sup> , and PTA will begin generating the 2018-2019 tax returns and final balance sheet.
- d. Preferred deadline for check requests by 05/24/19. But, will continue to honor requests into June. **But, please try to wrap up your check requests by 05/24/19 to ensure timely reimbursement.**
- e. Brian Conlan announced that the auditor for the 2018-2019 audit will be Melissa Kreist and was voted and approved by the Board of Directors by unanimous vote.
  - i. Cindy Phelan asked for clarification of audit scope and how any non-compliance is communicated post-audit.
  - ii. Brian clarified that in addition to the Georgia PTA audit checklist, the auditor will give a report of any irregularities and their recommendations for correction and best practices going forward. This will all be posted to the MES PTA webpage.
    1. An example from this past year is that issuance of gift cards for teachers are out of compliance and difficult to reconcile in an audit environment. We will likely have some best practice recommendations once the audit is completed.

VII. VP Year-end Closing Remarks – 8:27 AM

- a. Operations – Aisha Stith – Expressed gratitude to the membership.
- b. Fundraising – Amy Edgar – Congratulated her team on an extremely successful fundraising year. Plans are already rolling for 2019-2020 Boosterthon and Halloween Carnival.
- c. Enrichment – Ginger Pursley – Expressed a sincere thank you to everyone for a great year full of enriching activities from book fairs, to variety shows to science nights.
- d. Communications – Allison Castle – Thanked Jana Kovac and Deonne Malik El-Diery for all their hard work. This team is continuing to get out communications out for end-of-school events and getting K registered in My School Anywhere, please contact her if there are issues.



- e. SWAG – Sandra Adams – Sent out special thank you to the Wylde Center and getting the kids so excited and involved with our gardens (see picture). Please stay voting on a composting initiative by Joanna Kobylivker.

**VIII. New Officer Elections – 8:30 AM**

- a. Everyone was asked again to be sure they had signed in before passing out of ballots.
- b. Roll was re-examined and quorum confirmed
- c. Audrey Sofianos read the portions of the MES PTA bylaws that pertain to new office elections.
- d. 8:35 AM – Amy Stewart, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the Nominating Committee’s recommended slate for 2019-2010 MES PTA officers. The slate was unanimous:

<b>President</b>	<b>Emily Fink</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Matt Fox</b>
<b>VP Operations</b>	<b>Kerry Weinheimer</b>
<b>VP Communications</b>	<b>Jana Kovac</b>
<b>VP Fundraising</b>	<b>Sally Carroll</b>
<b>VP Enrichment</b>	<b>Kat Collins</b>
<b>VP SWAG</b>	<b>Joanna Kobylivker</b>

- e. 8:36 AM – Niccole Burton asked for nomination from the floor for each office.
  - i. For the office of Treasurer, Susan Mapen was nominated. She is a CPA, and has served as Treasurer for IPS.
- f. There were no other nominations from the floor, and nominations were closed.
- g. Voting commenced via closed ballot. Parliamentarian Catherine Leverette collected ballots and determined vote.

**IX. Beta Club Boxtops Ownership - 8:40 AM**

- a. Beta club has volunteered to take over collection of Boxtops. Any funds raised from Boxtops will go towards Beta Club service projects.
- b. Proposals for use of funds include: sprucing up of student restrooms, clean greenhouse and courtyard, launch “I am Awesome” initiative for shoe tying for younger students, host weekend service project on MLK weekend, host Grady Cluster math tournament, etc.
- c. PTA would continue to hold these funds within the treasury for the Beta Club, but would not recognize this as a PTA revenue or expenditure. It is separate from the PTA. Typical funds raised:
  - i. 2017 - \$1,317.00
  - ii. 2018 - \$1,274.20
- d. Several positive comments were made regarding the opportunities this will bring to the Beta Club service projects. It will also enable these students to learn about budgeting processes.
- e. Keith Cyr expressed concern that this could be funnelled to 5<sup>th</sup> grade projects with are less inclusive of the student body.



- f. It was clarified that this account is separate from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade projects, and any expenditure will still need MES Administrative approvals and oversight. This will ensure that the Boxtops funds go to service related projects.
- g. **Motion was made by Heidi Muller to approve the MES Beta Club to take ownership of collection of Boxtops and any funds raised by said collection. Whitney Dziuma seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous in favor.**

**X. Composting Initiative – 8:51 AM**

- a. Joanna Kobylivker presented all the successes of the Earth Week composting initiative and the desire to continue composting throughout the 2019-2020 school year at the main MES campus (see addendum for additional details).
  - i. Key takeaways from Earth Week Composting Pilot (2.5 days):
    - 1. Composted all organics and compostable material (trays, napkins)
    - 2. Exposed and educated the students (and parents!) on food waste
    - 3. Piloted processes needed to support a full sustainable cafeteria program
  - ii. In 2.5 days:
    - 1. **517 lbs** of food waste diverted from the landfill
      - a. **67 lbs** of methane\* avoided = **1,343 lbs** of CO2
      - b. **2,935 miles** not driven = **5 cars** parked for **2 weeks**
    - 2. **129 lbs** of compost created (can offset SWAG soil budget)
      - a. **52 potential plants** = **258 tomatoes**
  - iii. Needs to enable full-time composting at MES:
    - 1. Permission from APS
      - a. Preliminary (verbal) permission granted
    - 2. Permission from MES Leadership
      - a. Contingent upon APS approval
    - 3. Funds approved by PTA
      - a. **\$4,500 needed to cover composting expenses**
  - iv. Discussion – Whitney Dziuma asked whether this could be implemented at the K-Center as well. Joanna said that while it is possible, this proposal is for the main campus only. But perhaps we could do a training for the K-Center as an education initiative to prepare them for main campus. Or similar one-off sessions.
  - v. Discussion – Cindy Phelan asked about implementation and who will be doing this in the cafeteria. Principal Sofianos understands that this will be a process that needs to be worked out, and exact process is still an unknown. MES administration does have the ability to dictate duties of the lunch staff. But, it is understood that parent volunteers will be necessary during initial stages of the program.
  - vi. Educations and Process - Training will be simplified for 2019-2020 since the trays will be compostable. Amanda Kozinn, Jr SWAG chair, further explained that Compost NOW will be the organization and has done this with many school systems throughout the



Southeast. Education and best practices implantation is a part of what they will help provide MES should it vote to move forward with the program.

vii. The \$4500 will be an annual cost.

b. Motion was made by Heidi Muller to approve MES PTA funding of 2019-2020 composting proposal. Motion was seconded by Keith Cyr. Vote was unanimous in favour.

XI. New Officer Election Voting Results Announced – 9:07 AM

a. Catherine Leverette announced that proposed slate was unanimously approved.

XII. Adjournment – 9:08 AM

Minutes approved, as corrected,  
at general meeting on 8.21.19.

MATTHEW FOX  
PTA SECRETARY



Addendum 1  
Slide Deck

# General PTA Meeting

May 15, 2019  
8:15 - 9:15 AM





## General PTA Meeting Agenda May 15, 2019



Call to Order and Welcome	1 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Co-Presidents               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Angela Howard</li> <li>○ Niccole Burton</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Roll-Call and Minutes Approval	2 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Secretary – Donna Earley               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Roll Call – Sign-In Sheet</li> <li>○ Approval of 02/06/19 General PTA Meeting Minutes</li> <li>○ Approval of 03/27/19 Spring Board of Directors Meeting Minutes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Treasurer Report	10 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Treasurer – Brian Conlan               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Financial Review</li> <li>○ Announcement of 2018-2019 MES PTA auditor</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
VP Year-end Closing Remarks	15 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● VP Operations – Aisha Slith</li> <li>● VP Fundraising – Amy Edgar</li> <li>● VP Enrichment – Ginger Pursley</li> <li>● VP Communications – Allison Castle</li> <li>● VP SWAG – Sandra Adams               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Garden Report</li> <li>○ Compost Initiative</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
New Business	30 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● General Membership               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Election of 2019-2020 MES PTA Officers – Amy Stewart</li> <li>○ Beta Club – Bxxtops Ownership – Angela Howard</li> <li>○ Composting Proposal – Joanna Kobylivker</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Adjournment		



## Minutes Approval and Roll-Call



- 02/06/19 General Meeting Minutes and 03/27/19 Spring BoD Meeting Minutes
  - Posted on MES Website: <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/52894>
  - Hard copy are available at front
  - Motion to approve
- Please be sure you have signed in with Alison James for quorum establishment





## April 2019 Financial Report



- **Current Balance Sheet**

- Wells Fargo Checking Account Balance - \$178,512.66
- Wells Fargo Savings Account Balance - \$40,074.46
- SWAG Savings Account Balance - \$9,811.59
- Details on next slides and via hard copy
  - Motion to approve needed following review

# Aug-Apr 2019 Revenue



	Actual 2018-2019	Estimated Revenue 2018-2019	Under/Over Budget
<b>REVENUE</b>			
<b>Fundraising</b>			
Halloween Carnival	\$ 26,092.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 1,092.00
9th Grade Funded Events	\$ 4,021.15	\$ -	\$ 4,021.15
9th Grade Book Challenge	\$ 256.62	\$ -	\$ 256.62
9th Grade Skate Night	\$ 669.00	\$ -	\$ 669.00
Display Drivers	\$ 26,550.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ (3,450.00)
Ambassadors	\$ 168.70	\$ 250.00	\$ (81.30)
Public Resale	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Spirit Wear	\$ 2,790.00	\$ -	\$ 2,790.00
Box Tops	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bookerthon	\$ 161,475.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 61,475.00
Game Night (Hickok)	\$ 355.00	\$ -	\$ 355.00
Game Night (Hick)	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00
Casino Night	\$ 52,206.36	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 17,206.36
<b>Total Fundraising</b>	<b>\$ 291,000.43</b>	<b>\$ 230,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 60,750.43</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>			
Interest Revenue	\$ 34.73	\$ 25.00	\$ 9.73
Donor Gifts	\$ 1,666.86	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (333.14)
Tree Harvest	\$ 252.15	\$ 200.00	\$ 52.15
Highland District	\$ 5,831.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ (169.00)
Varsity Shows	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00
Yearbook	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9th Grade Events	\$ 962.00	\$ -	\$ 962.00
MS Foundation	\$ 5,351.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,851.50
Book Fair - A Leader	\$ 29,000.75	\$ 30,000.00	\$ (999.25)
Book Fair - A Leader	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00
Interest Savings	\$ 33.33	\$ -	\$ 33.33
Misc Revenue	\$ 91,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Misc Donations	\$ 1,022.20	\$ -	\$ 1,022.20
PTA Membership	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (100.00)
Smplery Trip	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (200.00)
Specials Collection - Staff Holiday	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (9,000.00)
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 269,144.17</b>	<b>\$ 77,975.00</b>	<b>\$ 191,169.17</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 560,144.60</b>	<b>\$ 308,225.00</b>	<b>\$ 251,919.60</b>



**PTA** Morningside Elementary School

# Aug-Apr 2019 Expenses



	Actual 2018-2019	Budget 2018-2019	(Under)/Over Budget
<b>PTSSS</b>			
<b>School-Instructional</b>			
Art supplies	\$ 729.88	\$ 1,810.00	\$ (1,080.12)
Music Instruments	\$ 925.00	\$ 3,775.00	\$ (2,850.00)
PI	\$ 1,989.81	\$ 1,800.00	\$ (189.81)
Instructional Technology	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Teacher Supplies	\$ 894.54	\$ 12,000.00	\$ (11,105.46)
5th grade	\$ 1,962.96	\$ 4,430.00	\$ (2,467.04)
Media Center	\$ 18,189.05	\$ 15,000.00	\$ (3,189.05)
IT/Book Club	\$ 2,174.75	\$ -	\$ 2,174.75
Total Instructional	\$ 34,295.99	\$ 39,475.00	\$ (5,179.01)
<b>School-Office Administrative</b>			
Principal Discretionary	\$ 1,843.23	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (656.77)
Operations Fund Other	\$ 981.05	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (1,018.95)
Furniture	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -
Media Center (including splash)	\$ 1,820.23	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (679.77)
Total School Office Admin	\$ 4,415.51	\$ 7,150.00	\$ (2,734.49)
<b>PTA Administrative</b>			
PTA President's Discretionary	\$ 1,360.07	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (2,639.93)
Professional Service Fees (B. Wisch)	\$ 2,175.33	\$ 2,800.00	\$ (624.67)
Insurance Expense	\$ 673.41	\$ 675.00	\$ (1.59)
Bank Fees	\$ 181.81	\$ 480.00	\$ (298.19)
Signage Fees	\$ 2,276.66	\$ 700.00	\$ (1,576.66)
Initial Fees	\$ 180.00	\$ 300.00	\$ (120.00)
Check Return Fee	\$ 12.00	\$ -	\$ 12.00
Secretary/Treasurer Supplies	\$ 171.97	\$ 200.00	\$ (28.03)
State of Georgia License	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Total PTA Administrative	\$ 7,901.25	\$ 9,075.00	\$ (1,173.75)
<b>PTA Enrichment</b>			
Cultural Arts/Symphony	\$ 1,836.33	\$ 2,200.00	\$ (363.67)
Cultural Arts Chinese Dance	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ -
Cultural Arts C.A. Ensemble	\$ 2,855.00	\$ -	\$ 2,855.00
Cultural Arts All Opera	\$ 1,900.00	\$ -	\$ 1,900.00
Cultural Arts Lee-Royard	\$ 575.00	\$ -	\$ 575.00
Book Fair	\$ 28,076.33	\$ 30,000.00	\$ (1,923.67)
Visiting Authors Artists	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ (300.00)
Book Swap	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -



**PTA** Morningside Elementary School

# Aug-Apr 2019 Expenses (cont'd)



Family Services Staff	\$ 3,554.02	\$ 2,901.00	\$ 1,074.02
Guests Shows	\$ 3,135.49	\$ 2,901.00	\$ 636.49
Classroom	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Calendar/MS Mtg	\$ 2,500.21	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 42,664.76
Wellness (MS Mtg)	\$ 775.26	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,064.51
IE MS Mtg	\$ -	\$ 666.00	\$ 666.00
Parental Support (MS Mtg)	\$ 96.91	\$ 0.00	\$ 120.00
Earth Week (MS Mtg)	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Grants	\$ 1,511.05	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,908.96
<b>Total Fundament</b>	<b>\$ 9,938.94</b>	<b>\$ 64,148.00</b>	<b>\$ 136,211.01</b>

**PTA Contributions**

Website Hosting and Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 27.00	\$ 27.00
Digital Displays	\$ -	\$ 426.75	\$ 426.75
Yearbook	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Members Activities	\$ 46,215.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 175.00
Communications - 1 Year	\$ 70.00	\$ -	\$ 70.00
<b>Total PTA Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 46,285.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,453.75</b>	<b>\$ 9,698.75</b>

**PTA Fundraising**

Donations 2/19	\$ 6,922.66	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 15,922.66
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Halloween Games at Casino Night	\$ 16,267.36	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,500.00
Casino Night	\$ 4,065.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 20,865.00
<b>Total Fundraising</b>	<b>\$ 19,255.02</b>	<b>\$ 12,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 38,787.66</b>

**PTA Operations**

Supplies	\$ 796.43	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 122.55
PTA Food Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PTA Membership	\$ 1,127.50	\$ -	\$ 1,127.50
CPA Membership	\$ 124.00	\$ 525.00	\$ -
Teacher Appreciation	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,100.00
Learning	\$ 259.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 11,276.25
Site Fees to School - Wonders	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transportation - Buses & Carpool	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
Field Day	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Facilities	\$ 10,720.00	\$ -	\$ 10,720.00
MS Fundraising	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00
Special Staff Student Life	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Special Year	\$ 2,821.56	\$ -	\$ 2,821.56
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>\$ 19,944.29</b>	<b>\$ 23,825.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,939.26</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 279,999.99</b>	<b>\$ 2,500,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 80,200.24</b>
YTD Operating Income	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ -



## PTA Executive Committee Recommendation for 2019 Auditor – Melissa Kreist



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- Worked in field of accounting for >30 years
- Currently controller for a small company in Inman Park for 6 years
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- VP Communications – Allison Castle
- VP SWAG – Sandra Adams
  - Garden Report – Next Slides
  - Compost Initiative – Joanna Kobylivker



**PTA** Morningside  
Elementary  
School



## SWAG Year-End Closing Remarks

Thank you Wylde Center for  
helping us with our  
amazing garden!



## Election of 2019-2020 PTA Officers

- Proposed Slate by Nominating Committee:

<b>President</b>	<b>Emily Fink</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Matt Fox</b>
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- Call for nominations from the floor
- Vote by ballot
  - Circle name of candidate you wish to vote for
  - Write-in any floor nominated candidates







## Beta Club and Boxtops Ownership



- Beta club has volunteered to take over boxtops collection
- Has several proposals for spending in line with Beta Club service initiatives
- PTA would continue to hold these funds within the treasury:
  - 2017 - \$1,317.00
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- Motion needed to approve



# Composting at Morningside

Moving from pilot to implementation!





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Earth Week 2019:  
*Getting closer to Zero Waste*

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- Replacement of styrofoam trays with compostable trays, forks, and cups (2.5 days)
  - Composted all organics and compostable material (trays, napkins)
  - Exposed and educated the students (and parents!) on food waste
  - Piloted processes needed to support a full sustainable cafeteria program
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## How we did it

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- Months of conversations with APS, MES leadership, Compost Now
- Dedicated SWAG funds
- Amazing MES parent volunteers during lunch!





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## The results!

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- **517 lbs** of food waste diverted from the landfill
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\*Food in landfills decomposes without oxygen and produces methane, which is 25x more powerful as a greenhouse gas than CO<sub>2</sub>;  
95% of food scraps in US go to landfills

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## More good news!

- APS has committed to discontinuing styrofoam in the Fall 2019! Trays will be biodegradable and/or compostable
- Formation of the Atlanta Sustainable Schools Initiative (group of parents from schools across Atlanta) has leveraged other school's success, enhanced collaboration, and established strong partnerships
- APS has also granted school's permission to independently pilot sustainability efforts if own funds available and materials and processes are approved
- Very positive feedback from the students and several parents!



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## What composting for a year would mean

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- 18,000 lbs of waste diverted from landfill! Think of all that methane NOT created!!
  - 4,500 lbs of healthy soil created
  - Use of our very own composted soil (free!) and therefore saving over \$500 for soil in our gardens (Main + K Center)
  - Be a leader and model among APS schools by being first school to incorporate composting, encourage other schools
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## What do we need to make this happen

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- Permission from APS
    - ✓ Preliminary (verbal) permission granted
  - Permission from MES Leadership
    - ✓ Contingent upon APS approval
  - Funds approved by PTA
    - ✓ \$4,500 needed to cover composting expenses
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Thank you for your participation  
and a wonderful year!  
Have a fantastic summer!

Your PTA Executive Committee





PTA Morningside  
Elementary  
School

Addendum 2  
Sign-In Sheet



PTA Morningside  
Elementary  
School

Sign-In Sheet

General Membership Meeting  
May 15, 2019

1. Karl Cyr
2. Amy Stewart
3. Cindy Phelan
4. Sandra Adams
5. Nicole Butler
6. ANSHA STIRT
7. Tina Korac
8. Ginger Purkey
9. Allison Castle
10. Susan Mapen
11. Whitney Pivon
12. ~~High~~ Howard
13. Zach Howard
14. Gina Fude
15. Brian Conlin
16. Emily Patis
17. Brian Barry
18. Jennifer Johnson
19. Amy Edger
20. HEIDI MULLIGAN
21. STEVE CARROLL
22. MATT FOX
23. KERRY WELCHER
24. Cara Fratuzzi
25. Joanna Kosyluk
26. Dawn Kuehn-Ford
27. Audrey Sifianos
28. Catherine Lavette
29. Kat Collins
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