Mary Lin PTA

GENERAL PTA MEETING

Thursday, August 17th, 2023

6:30pm

CALL TO ORDER 06:36 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Christina Hodge Motion to Approve / Ashley McGrath Seconded

Minutes Approved

PRESIDENT’S REPORT Patrick McGrath

Patrick’s Slideshow (link)

PTA Role

Communication

Education

Operations

Fundraising

Parent Involvement

Brief Introduction to the Board

What we did last year

Goals for this year

Auditorium

Basement Zen Room

Asking for time and money

PRINCIPAL’S WELCOME Sharyn Briscoe

Year 30 in APS

School population is down (especially kindergarten) 120 less than prior years

Leveling up (down 30 kids = $150k) hard to budget

STEM Certification through state of Georgia

PTA

Foundation

check writing in campaign

supplement budget

no federal funding / title 1 funding / qualify by free and reduced lunch

big ticket items from grants written by teachers

GO Team

Provides checks and balances = follow strategic plan/budget

Next Tuesday

Need 2 members now

TREASURER’S REPORT Rachel Weinthal Frank

Budget 2022-2023

Boosterthon helped last year

Expenses were right at expectations

Small surplus $7k at end of year

Budget 2023-2024

Changes moving forward = smaller number of students

Boosterthon

School Partners

Candler Park Fall Fest

Expenses

Vote for Budget Approval

Michael Rethinger Motion to Approve

Michelle Second

29-0-0 passes

VICE PRESIDENTS’ UPDATES

Communications Christina Hodgen

Changes to Rocket Blast

More concise

Updates by Wednesday please

Calendar is on website

Education Saskia Owoade-Bryant / Michelle Kotheimer

Teacher Meal Appreciation

Teacher zen room updates

APS – possible redistricting

Board elections

Stay close to district and superintendent conversations

Please volunteer!

Fundraising Suzanne Eisenberg / Anjali Kastorf

School Partners (Goal of 70k)

we have raised $28,500 in cash and an additional $5,000 in donations in kind.

Thank you to our school partners and if anyone out there would like to become a school partner please fill out the pledge form in the rocket blast.

<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/64684>

Boosterthon

kicks off September 5!

A team of many many many people have designed a very adorable shirt and we are excited for the second annual PTA boosterthon. (blue dry fit shirt)

Last year, this fundraiser was half the revenue for the PTA.

Boosterthon has been tweaked for this year to better fit our community needs - there is more info on the changes in the rocketblast.

For any boosterthon questions or comments please e-mail Suzanne or Anjali.

Grade specific dine outs have been well attended!  Next up is third grade aug 21 at doc Chey’s.

Fundraising is still looking to fill the roles of school supply coordinator and shopping rewards coordinator. Please help us!

Look out for fall fest bounce house volunteer sign up - coming soon.

Operations Katrina Fuller

Lost and Found

thanks to those who help with this!

Clean out every month

Mabel’s Labels

Classroom Support

Room Parents (dr waldman 2-3 volunteers for next month – Hispanic heritage)

Supply Coordinator

New volunteer position to help order things especially for the nurse

Non homeroom co-ordinator

Need volunteer for help on this

Parent Involvement Sarah Perlin

Upcoming events

September play date

October movie nite

January parent bingo nite

March move nite

Volunteer opportunities to help

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special CPNO Meeting – Christina

At large and odd number districts up for election

Hiring new superintendent

Midtown capacity issues

Separate zoom for CP Education for the candidates

Who qualifies for running

Wednesday September 6

Foundation Introduction Emily Newton – Chair

Grant requests for teachers/school on a monthly basis

Fundraising in the new year

Kindergarten party in the beginning of the year

Donor party at the end of the year

QUESTIONS

Danielle Lober cafeteria cone system green/yellow/red = threat of no recess?

Briscoe – no missed recess

Amy Wheeler - Steam Certification timing?

Stephanie Schumacher

working last year/this year –

state wants 2-3 years of sustained progress

Sarah Cusick – help with pre k program at mary lin?

APS has promised we will have one next year

ADJOURN

PTA Executive Committee

President - Patrick McGrath

Secretary - Mike Rethinger

Treasurer - Rachel Weinthal Frank

VP, Communications, Christina Hodgen

Co-VP, Education – Saskia Owoade-Bryant

Co-VP, Education - Michelle Kotheimer

Co-VP, Fundraising -Suzanne Eisenberg

Co-VP, Fundraising - Anjali Kastorf

VP, Operations – Katrina Fuller

VP, Parent Involvement – Sarah Perlin

Principal - Sharyn Briscoe

Questions, suggestions, or concerns?

Contact [president@marylinelementary.com](mailto:president@marylinelementary.com)

**VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE BY AREA**

**Communication**

* **Assistant to the Chair** - Help with communicating information to the school. Do you have skills in graphic design, website management, social media, or marketing. You can help!

**Education**

* **CINS representative** - Represent Mary Lin in monthly Council of Intown Neighborhoods community meetings
* **DEI Committee co-chair** - Help coordinate events and create displays that celebrate and bring awareness of diversity to Mary Lin
* **Mary Lin Community APS advocate** - attend APS meetings regarding Midtown cluster capacity issues, communicate with the school community, and advocate for Mary Lin student outcomes
* **Reading Bowl Coordinator** - help coordinate the Reading Bowl with staff as needed
* **Spelling Bee Coordinator** - 4th or 5th grade parent to help staff with the planning and day of activities for the Spelling Bee

**Fundraising**

* **CPFF Bounce House Volunteers** - This generous fundraiser from the Candler Park Neighborhood Association provides us with money raised from the Bounce Houses in Kidlandia. We need parents to collect money and supervise the inflatables.
* **School Supply Coordinator** - Collect school supply lists for each grade and work with School Tool Box to set up school supply lists on their website.
* **Shopping Rewards Program** - Take on responsibility of identifying, advertising, and encouraging participation of Mary Lin Parents in rewards programs (e.g.. Kroger, Publix, and Givebacks).
* **Teacher Raffle Coordinator** - The teacher raffle offers students an opportunity to win extra time with their favorite teachers/administrators and raises money for the school. The coordinator will manage the entry of raffled activities into the GiveBacks platform.

**Operations**

* **Lost and Found committee** - help the existing coordinator organize found items
* **Ordering Coordinator** - assist in the ordering of materials to support the school
* **Safe Routes to School** - help safety committee run two Walk-to-School mornings
* **School Tour Guide** - join the team of parents that lead monthly tours for new families
* **Spanish Room Parent** - Work with Dr. Waldman on Hispanic Heritage Month starting 9/15! Need ASAP

**Parent Involvement**

* **Movie Nights** - help plan & coordinate movie nights (one in the fall and one in the spring)
* **Playdates in the park** - help plan & coordinate playdates/picnics in the park (about twice a year)
* **Parent Night out** - help plan a fun night out for parents (takes place in March/April)
* **Bingo Night** - help plan a family Bingo night (Jan/Feb timeframe)

**Treasurer**

**Electronic Payment Volunteer -** Help setup and manage payments systems used to collect and send money (Venmo/Square)

Meeting Chat:

18:29:59 From Seth Eisenberg/The Eisenberg Firm To Everyone:  
Sign up here to join the PTA as a member if you have not done so early:  
18:30:01 From Seth Eisenberg/The Eisenberg Firm To Everyone:  
<https://marylin.memberhub.com/store?limit=21&live=true>  
18:34:41 From Seth Eisenberg/The Eisenberg Firm To Everyone:  
<https://marylin.memberhub.com/store?limit=21&live=true>  
18:35:09 From Seth Eisenberg/The Eisenberg Firm To Everyone:  
This is the link to sign up for the PTA signups to become an official PTA voting member!  
18:35:16 From Seth Eisenberg/The Eisenberg Firm To Everyone:  
<https://marylin.memberhub.com/store?limit=21&live=true>  
18:37:25 From Ashley McGrath To Everyone:  
Second it  
18:38:44 From Seth Eisenberg/The Eisenberg Firm To Everyone:  
<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:9be605e5-f2ec-4fab-a926-52cc9d733d7a>  
18:40:35 From Stephanie Shumacher K-5 Steam Coordinator To Everyone:  
thought i was on mute!  
18:50:51 From Mary Lin Elementary PTA - Patrick McGrath To Everyone:  
Volunteer positions: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fcfVFd32l72rnLapy-6gFxUc7PJq__epXcbN52fra0I/edit>  
18:51:08 From Mary Lin Elementary PTA - Patrick McGrath To Everyone:  
[president@marylinelementary.com](mailto:president@marylinelementary.com)  
18:54:50 From Anneshia Hardy To Everyone:  
Where can I find more info on the Go Team  
18:55:51 From Seth Eisenberg/The Eisenberg Firm To Mary Lin Elementary PTA - Patrick McGrath(Privately):  
Patrick who is best contact for go team  
18:55:55 From Seth Eisenberg/The Eisenberg Firm To Mary Lin Elementary PTA - Patrick McGrath(Privately):  
someone is asking in chat  
18:56:38 From Katrina Fuller To Everyone:  
GO Team info:  
<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/goteams>  
18:56:51 From Seth Eisenberg/The Eisenberg Firm To Everyone:  
Thanks Katrina!  
18:57:27 From Mary Lin Elementary PTA - Patrick McGrath To Seth Eisenberg/The Eisenberg Firm(Privately):  
Links to find budget information: <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/64680>  
18:57:53 From Seth Eisenberg/The Eisenberg Firm To Mary Lin Elementary PTA - Patrick McGrath(Privately):  
Link to become school partner:  
  
<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/64684>  
19:02:19 From Michael Rethinger To Everyone:  
Yes  
19:02:20 From Christina Hodgen To Everyone:  
aye  
19:02:20 From Stephanie Shumacher K-5 Steam Coordinator To Everyone:  
yes  
19:02:20 From Jovani To Everyone:  
Yes  
19:02:20 From Thom Gonyeau - MVG To Everyone:  
Aye - Yes  
19:02:21 From Sarah + Theo Cusick To Everyone:  
Aye  
19:02:21 From Kristin Guthrie To Everyone:  
Yes  
19:02:21 From Jeannie & Matt Beckett To Everyone:  
yes  
19:02:21 From Mary Williams To Everyone:  
Yes  
19:02:22 From Rachel Weinthal To Everyone:  
Yes  
19:02:22 From Leda Everett To Everyone:  
Yes  
19:02:22 From Melissa Heim Viox (she/her) To Everyone:  
Yes  
19:02:24 From Gena’s iPad To Everyone:  
Aye  
19:02:24 From Angie Brandenburg To Everyone:  
Aye  
19:02:25 From Missy To Everyone:  
Yes  
19:02:27 From Jayma Koval (she/hers) To Everyone:  
yes  
19:02:27 From Catherine Robinson 5th Grade Teacher To Everyone:  
yes  
19:02:27 From Amy Wheeler To Everyone:  
Aye  
19:02:28 From Katrina Fuller To Everyone:  
Yes  
19:02:29 From Susan Frett Eng To Mary Lin Elementary PTA - Patrick McGrath(Privately):  
Yes  
19:02:30 From Michelle Kotheimer To Everyone:  
aye  
19:02:31 From H. Gottesman To Everyone:  
Yes  
19:02:33 From Claire Oates To Everyone:  
Yes  
19:02:37 From Mary Lin Elementary PTA - Patrick McGrath To Everyone:  
Yes  
19:02:39 From nicole kaufman To Everyone:  
Yes  
19:02:53 From Mary Lin Elementary PTA - Patrick McGrath To Everyone:  
Also links to these documents can be found here: <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/64680>  
19:03:07 From Emily Newton To Everyone:  
yes  
19:03:37 From Anneshia Hardy To Everyone:  
Yes  
19:06:28 From Christina Hodgen To Everyone:  
<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/6944#calendar115917/20230817/month>  
19:08:08 From Catherine Robinson 5th Grade Teacher To Everyone:  
Thank you!!  
19:08:39 From Amy Wheeler To Everyone:  
I downloaded the google calendar today, Christina! It worked 🤓  
19:08:59 From Christina Hodgen To Everyone:  
Reacted to "I downloaded the goo..." with 🎉  
19:10:18 From Amy Wheeler To Everyone:  
Reacted to "I downloaded the goo…" with 🎉  
19:10:19 From Amy Wheeler To Everyone:  
Removed a 🎉 reaction from "I downloaded the goo…"  
19:11:05 From Seth Eisenberg/The Eisenberg Firm To Mary Lin Elementary PTA - Patrick McGrath(Privately):  
If you want to become a school partner, we would love for you to join up  
19:11:06 From Seth Eisenberg/The Eisenberg Firm To Mary Lin Elementary PTA - Patrick McGrath(Privately):  
Link to become school partner:  
  
<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/64684>  
19:14:21 From Sarah Perlin To Everyone:  
Thank you!!!!  
19:14:24 From Christina Hodgen To Everyone:  
Heros!  
19:14:36 From Seth Eisenberg/The Eisenberg Firm To Mary Lin Elementary PTA - Patrick McGrath(Privately):  
thank you !  
19:14:40 From Michelle Kotheimer To Everyone:  
Thank you!!!  
19:14:55 From Katrina Fuller To Everyone:  
<https://mabelslabels.com/en_US/fundraising/support/>  
19:14:58 From Jovani To Everyone:  
Thank you so much !  
19:15:12 From Jeannie & Matt Beckett To Everyone:  
👏👏👏  
19:20:26 From Sarah Perlin To Everyone:  
That's great, thank you for organizing!  
19:22:52 From Seth Eisenberg/The Eisenberg Firm To Mary Lin Elementary PTA - Patrick McGrath(Privately):  
Link to join PTA:  
  
<https://marylin.memberhub.com/store?limit=21&live=true>  
19:23:11 From Seth Eisenberg/The Eisenberg Firm To Mary Lin Elementary PTA - Patrick McGrath(Privately):  
Thank you to everyone for joining the meeting!  
19:23:38 From Seth Ei