

Mary Lin PTA – General Meeting – Tuesday 11.10.2020

630pm - Mary Lin Elementary

Meeting held via Zoom Call due to Covid



AGENDA

GENERAL PTA MEETING Tuesday, November 10, 2020 6:30pm

Average number of attendees on Zoom Call: 27

Board members in attendance:

1. Alice Brookner (Co-President)
2. Hallie Meushaw (Co-President)
3. Cara Stevens (Treasurer)
4. Jeff Raw (Secretary)
5. Seth Eisenberg (Parliamentarian)
6. Lynley Teras (Co-VP Communications)
7. Sarah Mclean (Co-VP Communications)
8. Melissa Bloomfield (VP Education)
9. Kila Posey (VP Operations)
10. Kelly Collins (VP Parent Involvement)
11. Heather Stewart (VP Fundraising)

Also in attendance: Principal Sharyn Briscoe and many teachers and staff members – special shout out to them!

CALL TO ORDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6:33pm by Alice and Hallie

- September 2020 Minutes

Approval of minutes: By Lynley, Seconded by Jane Smith

Minutes approved unanimously 

CO-PRESIDENTS' REPORT – Alice Brookner and Hallie Meushaw

Hope all are well and safe.

Teachers have received their \$300 allotments for the semester.

We will be giving second \$300 allotment when we return to physical school in January!

Halloween Parade – thanks for the participation, great to see families and friends in person again. Well done families, kids, teachers and staff!

This week: Scholastic online book fair – Thursday 11.12 through November 25th. Details in the rocket blast.

Several dine-outs so far this year and it is helping the budget.

December 3rd is next one – Naan Stop. Show up and support.

December 4th is next Mary Lin University with focus on infectious diseases so families can prepare for a return in January.

Holiday collection for non-homeroom teachers and staff – be on the lookout for this incredible fund-raiser and support our staff.

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME – Sharyn Briscoe

Tough time, people still holding it together. Parade was a highlight and great to see the kids.

Planning on face to face intervention classes for those that need some face to face time. EIP, Tier 2, Tier 3 students. Mondays and Wednesday 130 to 300. Will help bridge gap in their learning but also some practice for an impending January return to the classroom.

Met with Mary Lin Covid task force on Monday 11.9 and feel good about prep and purchasing supplies for the return. Still nothing in stone yet as far as dates. Cleaning supplies and sanitizers have been stockpiled with the help of the PTA. Need for additional thermometers and better quality. Thanks for the support PTA. Working on Grants for some desk shields and improved thermometers.

Bigger ticket items – amplifiers, web cams, and technology needs and outdoor high quality tents – looking to the foundation for support with this. Remember to support the foundation as well as the PTA.

Creating a Covid return manual from others that have made a successful return.

Nothing set in stone around exact date of return.

Survey: 3 options that were shared with employees and return to school. All were before January 19th with elementary first. They have not landed on a scenario yet. Clearly well over 100 per 100k case counts that was a threshold to get us back to school, but cautiously optimistic. Using info from previously planned 10.26.2020 return to school to work up a best case scenario.

As a part of return plan, recommendation is to do asynchronous Wednesdays again for the month of December. Mixed feelings about this at the elementary level. Looking into whether or not we need to adhere to that.

Would Asynchronous Wednesdays be through the rest of the year – Yes – it is a cleaning day.

Be on the look out for a new intent to return survey coming up soon. Teachers have opportunity to apply for telework status as well. Hope that numbers balance out well.

Need vs. Want prioritization on face to face schooling – kind of came from nowhere and snowballed. Not born of APS and Mary Lin. Focus on individual needs of your child. No guarantees that we will be able to follow our teacher.

Will likely have some simultaneous teaching – face to face and online

Principal Coffee Thursday 11.19.2020 at 3pm = check out rocket blast

TREASURER'S REPORT – Cara Stevens

- \$89,720.00 in account
- brought in \$48,000 in income through school partners, shopping rewards, dineouts, dues, etc.
- \$16,000 in expenses, mostly in teacher allotments
- Net income \$31,171 to date

Be on the lookout for additional health and safety budget details.

If you want to see the P&L reach out to Cara – treasurer@marylinelementary.com.

VICE PRESIDENTS' UPDATES

Communications – Lynley and Sarah
New Mary Lin Elementary website with John Hand at APS

APS Blackboard format – look for info in this week's rocket blast

Weekly room parent emails and rocket blasts

Collection for non-homeroom teachers in the next couple of weeks

Education – Melissa Bloomfield

Spelling Bee – virtually this year, just registered for new platform – Melissa would love to get volunteers if you are passionate about it

Virtual Author visits being set up by Melissa. The MLE community will support the program by buying books. Stay tuned for details.

There may be an opportunity to open it up to other kids in the Grady Cluster – idea from Lynley

Fundraising – Heather Stewart

Thanks to all the school partners, which have helped raised a lot of money!

Thanks to all the dine-out and spirit wear participants!

Have had 4 dine-outs to date with a 5th on the way.

\$750 from first spirit wear sale and just closed the second one so we'll have soon have proceeds.

\$1098 from shopping programs – Kroger, Publix, Amazon Smiles, Fresh Harvest

Operations – Kila Posey

PTA membership drive going well

PTA representative on the Covid task force to work on cleaning and sanitary supplies and distribution

Kila will monitor and order as needed

Parent Involvement – Kelly Collins

Principal's coffee on Thursday at 3pm is a chance for families to connect with Ms. Briscoe

Grady Cares partnership this year – food drive before the holiday break

Miss Backus – low key virtual holiday program – TBD

Heads up for the Spring – possible Covid conscious yoga event or other fundraiser and get together

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Amendments

No fall events (fundraisers), No Holiday events (in person) – therefore saving money, but moving these funds into the health and safety budget.

Need to approve amendment to move from Fall Events to Health and Safety:

Motion to approve amended budget to shift from Fall Events to Health and Safety by Seth Eisenberg and Seconded by Lynley Teras. Discussion: We don't have specific amount at this time but monitoring closely. Approved Unanimously. Motion Carries. Estimated to be \$5,000.

New Website Launch

See notes from communications chairs

COVID Taskforce Supplies

Big push for us this Spring with effort and money. Foundation providing bigger ticket items but PTA will expand the supply closet to help out. Hand soap, sanitizer, wipes, etc...

Sunshade Update

Active steps towards install. Awning/Sunshade in front of school. Installation has begun. Footing work has started and hope to be complete in next few weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lake Claire Holiday Craft Sale – Annsley Klehr – 10% of sales go straight to Mary Lin PTA, walking tours, vendors, music, children vendors and artists welcome. If you are not in Lake Claire you get a host porch – walking tour lists all the places to visit in Lake

Claire. 1st Saturday in December – that following Sunday would be rain date.
Education@lakeclaire.org is Annsley's email address to reach out to her.

Foundation Announcement from Heather Lamb: past chair of foundation, quick update: raised \$80,000 with a goal of \$125,000. 45% current participation. If we hit last year's 75% participation should be good to go. Funded math workbooks, curriculum resources, brain pop subscription. There will be some additional items that are covid related. Kindergarten Zoom happy hour to let Kindergarten parents know about the foundation. Ongoing classroom competition – first teacher to get 100% participation gets entered into lake house trip contest and kids get king of pops!

ADJOURN - 7:17pm by Alice Brookner

PTA Executive Committee

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November

11/12-25 Scholastic Online Book Fair 11/23-27 Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL

December

12/3 Naan Stop Dine Out

12/4 Parent University, Mary Lin TV at 8:15am 12/5 Lake Claire Holiday Craft Sale

12/21-1/1 Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

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