

Mary Lin PTA – General Meeting – Tuesday 03.02.2021

6:30pm - Mary Lin Elementary

Meeting held via Zoom Call due to Covid



AGENDA

GENERAL PTA MEETING Tuesday, March 2, 2021 6:30pm

Average number of attendees on Zoom Call: 26

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 Hallie Meushaw the meeting was called to order

- November 2020 Minutes

Approval of minutes: By Lynley Teras, Seconded by Kelly Collins

Minutes approved unanimously

CO-PRESIDENTS' REPORT – Alice Brookner and Hallie Meushaw

Thanks for everyone's participation – getting decent turnouts at the zoom events

Focus on safety at the school focusing on distribution of sanitizer and cleaning supplies. Special shout out to Brittany Schwartzwald and her father for helping source supplies

Sunshade is finally finished and being put to good use. Just waiting on invoice from the contractor to pay – funds are in the account and ready

\$300 allotments for teacher are going out and being refunded for supplies – F2F and virtual tools

Lake Claire N'Hood Association – huge shout out for raisign appx \$3000 for the PTA with their craft fair proceeds. This goes along way to support the hard work of our teachers with gifts and lunches

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME – Sharyn Briscoe

Kids and staff are getting into a good groove with F2F return, but as we enter the final quarter, more kids will be back and we will need to adjust again and that looks like a true hybrid model to accommodate the social distancing requirements.

Working on Hybrid modeling – M/T groups, W asynchronous, TH/F groups

70% of Mary Lin students plan on returning back to school – only 3 schools in APS have a higher percentage. (Brandon, Jackson, Smith – each have 2 campuses), Morningside and Spark are leaning towards hybrid model as well.

New schedule by March 12th is the goal – Thursday noon lunch and learn

Rising Kindergarten lunch and learn was last week – well attended

We are in the home stretch and it will be disruptive to some families but we need to pivot to get as many kids back as possible.

They are looking at some outdoor options but they won't be able to hold actual classes out there due to tech challenges. Outside for whole day can't work. Too many hurdles.

If you are already in person and staying in person – no need to submit form and vice versa. Only need to submit if changing status.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT – Cara Stevens

\$74,700 in bank account – still need to pay for sunshade, teachers have been sending in their requests for reimbursements.

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

VICE PRESIDENTS' UPDATES

□ Communications – Lynley and Sarah

Not a whole lot to report

Rocket blasts are going out with communication

New website up and running smoothly – Sarah has put in a lot of work and looks great

□ Education – Melissa Bloomfield

First of many virtual author visits at end of January

Things in the works to get more this year

A lot of normal things like science night, geography bee postponed to next year

We will have a class room version of spelling bee

□ Fundraising – Heather Stewart

Thanks to all the school partners, raised a lot of money - \$21,500

Thanks to all the dine-out and spirit wear \$750 participants – extra dine-outs this year \$1,217

\$2100 from shopping programs – Kroger, Publix, Amazon Smiles, Fresh Harvest

□ Operations – Kila Posey

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

Kila will monitor and order as needed

Teacher appreciation in Feb got pushed back but we are working on an April/May plan

□ Parent Involvement – Kelly Collins

Thanks to December Food Drive and Feb service project – Mary Lin Families turned out in huge numbers and did a great job

Tough Love Yoga – outdoor event in the works – look for details in rocket blast

Revisit Grady Cares to see how we can help with the food need – they would appreciate recurring events

Amazing parents helping with traffic calming – continuing to do great work, GA walk to school day is Wednesday March 10th – look for info in rocket blast (Laura and Christina

– safe routes to school committee) – shout out to Coach Dee and Coach Bennett-Walker for stepping up as well

NEW BUSINESS

☐ Nominating Committee

Need to find a group to help find and evaluate board members for next year:

Yukiko Takeuchi

Suzanne Eisenberg

Christina Hodgen

Jeanne Eason

Jennifer Brinkley

Alternates:

Brooke Seals

Sarah-Nell Walsh

Motion to approve committee: Lynley Teras and seconded by Kelly Collins – approved unanimously

☐ Rocket Run 2021 – Sarah McLean

We are doing a virtual race this year – No Inman Park Festival this year either – There is a tour of gardens – look for Rocket Run details in Rocket Blast – children will not be free this year – we need it as a lot of our fundraisers have not been able to happen - \$30 per person – let's keep the momentum this year so we can be back in person next year. You can sign up between now and race date (April 25th – Sunday) – you can run on your own and submit time if you want to – no age group awards – submit photos – run with your neighbors – you will get a t-shirt and medal in the mail

☐ Linapalooza – Hallie Meushaw

Virtual edition this year – had to skip last year

Each performer will submit videos and Miss Backus, Kristen Young and Hallie will put together for some virtual format TBD. Look for performance sometime after Spring break.

☐ Yearbook

Deanne and Amity are working with Jostens to set up a digital yearbook photo. Link to submit your child's photo – email here if you did not get the link and email:

mlrocketsyearbook@gmail.com - deadline is March 15th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Foundation:

Molly Saft – Foundation chair – looking for appx 4-5 new board members for next year.
Amanda Rein to be chair next year. They need help for next year.

ADJOURN - 7:12pm by Alice Brookner

PTA Executive Committee

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