

General PTA Meeting

Tuesday, March 15th, 2022 @ 6:35

Call to Order @ 6:35

Approval of Minutes (November 2021)

- Motion to approve – Kelly Collins
- Second – Seth Eisenberg

Co-President's Report – Deanne Uroic & Alice Brookner

- PTA funded \$250 allotments given to teachers who wanted to opt in to this.
- PTA delivered coffee & donuts to teachers and staff.
- Valentine's Day, Day of Love event. Thank you to all the parent volunteers! The PTA also provided catered lunch for teachers and staff.
- Tomorrow is the Midtown Cluster Art Night from 5-7pm. Includes art from all the schools from our entire cluster, and is family friendly.
- Principals coffee morning of March 25th
- DEI Committee Updates from Deanne – An appreciation board for HBCU's went up during Black History Month and it's still there in the breezeway. You're invited to come check it out.

Principal's Welcome – Sharyn Briscoe

- Open teaching and staff positions will be posted in next Thursday's RB.
- The GoTeam is getting some new members, and the budget was finalized for next year.
- Ms. Briscoe is working with the Foundation on some improvements outside the building (to the amphitheater and the front of the school). She is just waiting for approvals from APS.
- Report cards will be coming out this week.
- Nurse Wanda has returned.
- Rising K registration has opened. There are several events coming up for rising kindergarteners: Kindergarten Blast Off in May, a meet-and-greet coming up, and kindergarten play dates the week of June 6th and June 13th at Mary Lin
- Shout out to DEI Committee for the HBCU board! Ralph Lauren is coming out with a line for Spellman and Morehouse.
- What is happening with summer school this year?
 - Mary Lin is not hosting summer school this year. Students will be invited and can attend at Springdale Park. Emails from the district are or starting to go out to invite kids who are struggling, but anyone can choose to go.

- Are covid test results (from surveillance testing) still going out via Remind? Yes, covid results should still be going out via Remind. Testing twice per week is still happening and is optional.

Treasurer's Report – Deanne Uroic on behalf of Patrick McGrath

- Deanne went over Patrick's treasurer's report – the profit and loss sheet.
- A little extra \$ was spent on teacher appreciation events this year.

VP's Updates

Communications – Melissa Bloomfield

- The Rocket Blast is still coming out every week.
- Spread the word to families of upcoming kindergarteners to sign up for the Rocket Blast. You can sign up using this link: <https://atlantapublicschools.us6.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=3bb780168b0b109a4fbbb82d9&id=256f63f30a>

Education – Deanne Uroic on behalf of Holly Goldberg

- Science “night” will be during a day this year on March 29th
- Art night is April 14th

Fundraising – Alice Brookner on behalf of Heather Stewart

- We've had 3 dine-outs this week
- The Daily – it's a month-long dine-out! Head over and mention Mary Lin.
- Dine-out this coming Monday, March 21st at Folk Art for breakfast and lunch (it's a teacher workday)
- There will be a Contact Point Raffle coming up for camps
- The spirit wear store will open again soon.

Operations – Kila Posey

- She will need to get with the chairs to set goals for the PTA in order to be eligible to win awards next year.

Parent Involvement – Kelly Collins

- Linapalooza is back in person! Come check out the talent at our school
- There will be two shows the afternoon of May 1st, and details will be in RB
- Working on a food drive or some other opportunity for our community to contribute to a charity.

New Business

Nominating Committee

- Introduced the nominating committee. They will submit their nominations at the next meeting – April 19th for PTA board members for next year:
 - Christina Hodgen
 - Suzanne Eisenberg

- Melissa Hawkins
- Anjali Kastorf
- LynAnne Brennan
- Andy Deutsch
- Arvie Magnuson
- Motion to approve nominating committee – Sara McLean, Second – Lynley Teras
- Motion approved unanimously

Rocket Run

- Back in person on April 24th! One of biggest PTA fundraisers of the year.
- This year the course has moved to Candler Park and will begin and finish at Mary Lin.
- There will still be a 1-mile fun run for the kids (free
- We need 14 course volunteers – contact Sara McLean if you'd like to volunteer
- Look for a Sign-up Genius in the Rocket Blast
- If you're interested in organizing the Rocket Run next year, let Sara know:
sarahisC9@gmail.com

Lost and Found

- We've donated between 5-600 unlabeled items from the lost and found this year.
- We're starting a new process to clean out the lost and found. Items will be removed on the 30th and donations every will happen on the 15th of each month following.
- Mabel's Labels – partnering with Mary Lin if you'd like to purchase labels
- Please label your children's clothing in some way, so we can track you down and return your things.
- Daniel Lober is taking over the lost and found for the rest of the year.
- Please come check the lost and found regularly.

PTA Board Elections

- You're invited to participate in the PTA board. Please let us know if you're interested – email us at president@marylinelementary.com. This will also go out in the RB.
- Click the link to this form if you'd like to let the PTA know about something you're interesting in doing. <https://form.jotform.com/220545260858155>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Foundation update from Claire Oates

- The role of the foundation is to support teachers by filling funding gaps.
- Met 2021 fundraising goal this year.
- Foundation funded the Black History Month program, a refurbishment of the social worker's office, new graphic novels for the library, and refurbishments for the outside of the building.
- Foundation will host an appreciation event for donors of more than \$750 coming up soon.

Ansley Klehr – CINNS representative – represent entire Midtown cluster. Advocates for the cluster. Several grants went out to schools in our cluster, including Dr. Waldman at Lin. Email Ansley if you have questions or would like to get involved: anzoid@yahoo.com.

Adjourn @ 7:12