

PTA Meeting Tuesday, March 6, 2018

6:30pm, Mary Lin Auditorium

Board Members present: Julie Noble, Lisa Milko, Janet Patton, Lynley Teras, Elizabeth Javelona, Hallie Meushaw, Robyn Gormley-Knowles and Chris Fitzgerald

Board Member absent: Yukiko Takeuchi and Sarah McLean. Jocelyn Nettles filling in to take the minutes.

Call to Order: 6:54pm, Julie Noble.

Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2017 meeting:

- Motion to approve: Kim Meyer
- Seconded
- Minutes approved as posted.

Co-Presidents' Report:

- **Teacher Allotments:** First semester, approximately \$10K of \$12K of the allotments was spent. Thus far in the second semester, approximately \$2K out of \$12K has been spent. The deadline is 3/15/18 to spend the money or submit receipts for reimbursement. Allotments amount to approximately \$250 per teacher.
- **Supply Closet:** It is being used well! We started with:
 - 498 paper towels, have given out about 280, leaving 218;
 - 395 Kleenex boxes, have given out about 265, leaving 130;
 - 18 Sana-mist, all of which have been given out;
 - 34 Clorox wipes, have given out about 32, leaving 2;
 - 48 hand sanitizer, have given out about 23, leaving 25; and
 - 80 reams of plain copy paper, have given out about 5 so have plenty left.
- **PTA Events:**

Since the last meeting in November, there have been 10 PTA events:

 - America Recycles Day;
 - the Holiday Program where nearly 300 kids performed [thanks to Mr. Marvel!];
 - Teacher for a Morning which allowed our faculty and staff to enjoy a holiday breakfast together;
 - Spelling Bee;
 - MLK Day of Service where we made 400 sack lunches for the Atlanta Mission Shelter;
 - Science Night;
 - Geography Bee;
 - Small Tall Ball;
 - Go Green Week; and
 - Parent Teacher Happy Hour Celebration just this last Friday night.

Upcoming:

- GA Walk to School Day is tomorrow;
- Linapalooza this Sunday;
- Linsanity at the end of the month;
- Art Night and Kindergarten Blast Off in April; and of course
- our 10th Anniversary Rocket Run.

More than 220 volunteer spots have been filled to make these events happen. And, again, that doesn't even include your 60 hardworking Room Parents, who make sure you get the information you need every single week!

- And thanks to the teachers who have extended their already long day to come to these meetings!

Principal's Welcome:

- Parent/Teacher party was a success and fun, but in the future, maybe we should do it earlier to get more teachers there.
- New safety measures are in place. The teachers see the difference and all of the teams know the plan (like PTA and MLEF). Curriculum changes for next year are to be revealed at the Principal's Coffee before Spring Break.
- We are very busy now. We only have 18 days until Spring Break and 38 days until Milestones.
- **5th Grade Events:** We need to get information for Inman Middle School registration. **There will be a 5th grade cluster picnic (field trip) at Candler Park in May.**

Treasurer's Report — Janet Patton:

- Our current balance is \$34,000. Teacher allotments might move to the Mary Lin Education Foundation to handle.

Vice President Updates:

Communications — Elizabeth Javelona

- Nothing new. Please tell new families to sign up for the Rocket Blasts on the website.

Education — Chris Fitzgerald

- We just wrapped up Green Week. The Shoe Collection was very successful and we had a workday for the Outdoor Classroom on Saturday.
- Upcoming events:
 - Art night on 4/12 and
 - Book Fair is the week **of 5/7. Now 8-14**

Fundraising — Lisa Milko for Sarah McLean

- The Citrus fundraiser was not as successful as we had hoped (weather was a factor). We projected \$10K but raised \$1100.
- But the Dine Outs have been very lucrative and more are coming up (Doc Cheys and King of Pops).

- Rocket Run 10th Anniversary! It is now a qualifier for the Peachtree Road Race. We can still use sponsors for swag bags and the finish line banner. We are having a raffle for a kid's bike, Ring Home Security System and a night in a Tiny House.
- Also doing the Teacher Raffle soon and one last opening to buy spirit wear.

Operations – Hallie Meushaw

- Walk To School Day is tomorrow.
- School Tours (Jane Smith): The last official tour was today and we had about 25-30 people. People with newborns are taking tours to see if they should buy houses in the neighborhood.

Parent Involvement – Lynley Teras

- We have had LOTS of events, like the Parent/Teacher Party on Friday and Linapolooza this weekend.

Parliamentarian Update – Robin Gormley-Knowles

- Robin read the bylaws about the PTA nominations committee. This needs to be announced 1 month prior to the election. The names of the nominations committee were read aloud.
 - Motion to approve the nominations committee was made by Rob Meyer, seconded and approved.
- The slate must be posted 10 business days before the April meeting, so the suggested date is Tuesday, 4/10. We will put a message in the Rocket Blast.

Budget Adjustments - Lisa Milko

- See the Budget handout. This shows how we moved money around. We took extra from places where we made more money and put it toward teacher allotments.

Announcements

- Julie has been in touch with Kyle Brooks, of Black Cat Tips, an artist of local murals and he might do a mural on one of our blank walls.

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn made and seconded.
- Adjourn: 7:13pm.