

## Tuesday, December 4, 2018

6:00 - 7:30 General PTA Meeting Minutes

### Participants:

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**The purpose of the Benjamin E Mays PTA is to provide a forum where parents, teachers, administrators, and community members can come together to discuss ways to promote quality education, encourage community involvement, and work for a healthy school environment.**

**Mission: Mays PTA is committed to representing and serving the members of our multicultural community, welcoming and helping parents, teachers and administrators give our very best for all of our students. Together we are a powerful voice for children.**

### Intro: What do you get out of Mays CAFE? (Individual Responses on Post-Its)

How could kids be included in CAFE? Kids CAFE?

- **Treasurer's Report**
  - Digital copy
- **Mays CAFE**
  - **Reviewing our September CAFE**
    - CAFEs expanding beyond our Red Atrium: Ryan was out filming, presenting about our CAFE at district level, CAFE events by Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood
    - How could we invite all 4 SPPN schools all together?
    - More intimate one school model strength: we can implement things that come up. Families can feel that they have a voice in our school.
    - Showing support, showing up for them (i.e. at a game, even if they are not playing), every single thing we say and do impacts our kids, "Mom is in your corner." They need to know it, they need to feel it, we need to show it. We support the habits they like and the habits they don't like. "You are going to be the president one day." We arm them with knowledge and information.
    - How do we empower our kids? How do we empower young parents to empower their children? How do we invite them to attend CAFE?
    - Parent involvement "POP UP" days
    - Parent Mentorships
    - Innocent Classroom
  - **Planning for the January event**
- **Movie Night-- February 28, 2019, 6pm:**
  - **Concessions?**
  - **Promotion?**

- **National African American Parent Involvement Day: Monday, February 11**
  - **What can we do to create an awesome experience?**
  - Building in some kind of community building experience for parents. Informal CAFE?
  - Valuing the multi-generational community that raises our kids.
  - Questions/Survey (something for *them* as a parent):
    - Mentorship
    - Where do you feel that you need support?
    - Questions geared toward parents at specific age level -- i.e. parents 20-25
    - Resource Fair \*\* EMPOWERMENT RESOURCES
  - Resources for gearing your kids toward college. College Bound Kids! Saving for college. What can we be doing NOW while our kids are in elementary school to prepare them for college and to have them grow up knowing that college is a part of their future. **Having a banker present** to answer questions or help families get started. what can I do now to save so that when my child is ready to go to college, we are ready.
  
- **SCIP (School Continuous Improvement Plan) Implementation at Mays:**
  - **Overview on Mays goals and the strategies for reaching those goals. See Google Slide Presentation**
  - **We will discuss what the implementation of the SCIP looks like and how it is going.**
    - “Numberless word problems”
    - Math facts automatic
    - Concept application
    - Math PD, Reading PD going well; regular walk-throughs and feedback
    - Wonderings:
      - Seeking more homework for children to do at home.
      - Clearly stated homework policies.

### **Standing Committees**

Fall Festival - Chair Karen Shanahan

Recruitment - All PTA Currently

Culture Night - Chair Ankhet Hesi-Ra

### **The following General PTA Meeting dates are proposed:**

- Tuesday, January 8, 6:00-7:30
  - MOVIE NIGHT
  - BINGO NIGHT
- Tuesday, April 16, 6:00-7:30
- Tuesday, May 21, 6:00-7:30