

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

6:00 - 7:00 General PTA Meeting Agenda

Local Unit National ID Number: 02690007

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.

Participants:

Erica Valliant

Lindsay Walker

Taylor Johnson

Karen Johnson

Jolene Mason

Ti-Esha Williams-Vaughn

Ice Breaker: Tear/fold/draw on/etc... your paper plate to show how you are feeling right now.

Treasurer's Report

-Need to maintain at least \$2,000.00 in our account in order to put on large event such as fall festival. We will not likely be able to have a movie night this year because we did not get a license last year when we had a Movie Night, a licensing group came after us for showing a movie, advertising the event... unless you have a license.

-We are in a good place but not a great place. Currently holding about 25 dollars more in our account than our beginning balance in August. ((August: 5,152.00 / Now: 5,178.64))

-Movies shown within the school are not allowed unless you have a license or the content is directly linked to the curriculum.

-Bingo nights have been popular with families. Need a gambling license. To get around the gambling licensing, you need to put "suggested donation (\$1)" on the bingo cards, to have that verbiage present in writing.

-IDEA (Erica): What if we used original student films for movie night??? We would get around licencing issues plus sharing student original work.

SCIP Review/Implementation/Evaluation

-Reviewed each of the walkthrough data collection sheets for Math, Guided Reading, Restorative Practices

-Math walkthroughs took place earlier in the fall. Guided reading walkthroughs are happening this week and RP/Circle walkthroughs will happen next week.

- The first Literacy walkthroughs were supposed to take place this fall. They did not because:

- SCIP was written with full-time Reading Coach at Mays. Now we have a new, part time Reading Coach
- New phonics curriculum was introduced in K-2 and 3-5. Implementing the new curriculum has been a priority for teaching and professional development.
- Literacy walkthroughs are taking place this week, December 9-13. Data will be available next week. Data will be shared during Leadership Team and the weekly teacher grade level meetings (PLCs). Anyone interested in seeing the data from the upcoming walkthroughs can contact Karen karen.shanahan@spps.org.

-Data from Math walkthroughs suggest that we are engaging the students in conversations/thinking about math.

- Students are given opportunities to make connections to prior learning or experiences. Noted in 15 out of 18 classrooms (83.3%)
- Students are given opportunities to explain/justify their mathematical thinking. Noted in 16 out of 18 classrooms (88.9%)
- Teacher asks open-ended questions to facilitate student discussion. Noted in 18 out of 18 classrooms (100%)
- Strategies that elicit student discourse are observed (i.e. Turn & Talk, Stand & Talk, Number Talk, etc.). Noted in 16 out of 18 classrooms (88.9%)

-Practiced a round of a phonics game from the Words Their Way curriculum. Phonics initiatives K-5 are a key component in our SCIP plan. The curriculum is new to the school this year.

-Circle discussion: we are a restorative practices school, the circles are key to building our community in classroom spaces. Opening circles started as more of a 'Morning Meeting' but are evolving into more deliberate conversations. Example of opening circle question: "How are you feeling?" to just check in with the kids and learn where they are at. Circles can be held to repair harm or discuss current things that are impacting the kids.

-Mays has a plan (SCIP). We are taking specific steps to meet plan/goals, are evaluating how our work is going, are open to having more voices involved in the plan. Everyone is welcome to participate in the writing of the SCIP this coming winter/spring for the 2020-2021 school year.

-Our entire SCIP is on website

SPFE - Contract Negotiations Update

Mays Moves: Thursday, March 5, 2020 5:30 - 7:30

-Last year was in June. Turnout was okay but we have moved it to replace Movie night. "Parent Jam" choreography, pedometers donated, tracked steps at the event.

-Cannot advertise YouTube

-"The Movement" same concept as our MaysMoves but community based

-Kids can teach each other within the PE class, Dance/Active, Kids will all know the dances, can teach families. We could film the kids and put them on TeacherTube or on our Mays Website so families could all learn the dances prior to arrival.

Mays C.A.F.E. Thursday, January 23, 2020 5:30 - 7:30

-Karen will be reaching out to set up planning sessions for the next CAFE Event

Next PTA Meeting: Jan. 14, 2020

- **SPPN Session/Series of Dialogues with all 4 SPPN schools**
- Four Sessions to get parents into advocacy/help them become more comfortable in it. Information from this work will be used to build SPPN
 - 1st: Jackson: "Our role in governance" -- voting, knowing who represents you, holding elected officials accountable, helping our your community, knowing your neighbors, being active does not have to be scary - small and large actions
 - 2nd: Mays: "The power of storytelling" importance of telling your own story, narratives can be distorted, the joint powers agreement work
 - 3rd: Maxfield " Mapping our political energy" CAFE style workshop, pull out all things parents are paying attention to and planning ways in which we can put action behind some of these things. Get on an email list, write a letter, participate in an action.
 - 4th: "Advocacy Strategies" Who are your elected officials; putting the things we have discussed over these sessions into work. Practice writing letters, making phone calls.
- Erica is now the chair of the Summit - University planning council that represents this area.

Committees:

(Fall Festival - Chair Karen Shanahan)

Spring Art Show/Cardboard Engineering (Thursday, May 7) - Lindsay Walker, Erica Valliant

Mays Moves (Thursday, March 5) - Jolene Mason

CAFE Design Team - Karen Shanahan (& Erica, Alex, Waubun)

Membership - ALL?

The following dates/times are proposed future PTA Meetings:

- Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 6:00 to 7:00
- Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 6:00 to 7:00
- Tuesday, April 14, 2020, 6:00 to 7:00 **Elections: Nominations**
- Tuesday, May 12, 2020, 6:00 to 7:00 **Elections**