Tuesday, April 14, 2020
7:00 - 8:00 General (VIRTUAL) PTA Meeting Minutes

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.

Hosted by: Jolene Mason, President

Icebreaker & Introductions (dependent on how many attendees goal is to finish by 7:20)
7:00-7:20

Slides for the Meeting:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1I9aNJZu4rfp2_Ww1mj_wJ_qvs5MdrtOLuT_65eUlK8/edit?usp=sharing

7:20-7:30 - Jolene will recap what people say in response to “how is it going?” and highlight concerns/themes.

Themes from responses were busy, learning new things, difficult to schedule. We miss seeing people.

7:30-7:50 Where are we with the SCIP? - Allison Thielen presenting

- SCIP covers: Math, Literacy, IB, Culture (incl. PBIS)
- Math Facts
- IB: Transdisciplinary
- Intentional Discourse, Questioning, Using Evidence to Justify Thinking
  - Let’s try an activity: Which One Doesn’t Belong?

Participants enjoyed the activity more fully on the second exposure. A new way of thinking, when there is not a defined right or wrong, but a desire to get at why people select an item. The defense of your selection is important. It is fun to try to think of how each one could be the one which does not belong. I have seen this in my student’s work. We discussed what Student Voice means - not just hearing students, but giving students choice and encouraging them to defend their ideas.

- Guided Reading
- PBIS: Online Learning Matrix

It is important to have a schedule. That is one of the challenges with distance learning. It good to have routines and see that the school is establishing routines. It is important to involve stakeholders (children) when setting routines.

The SCIP and Compacts are important tools, how can parents be involved? More opportunities to discuss and participate in the SCIP and Compacts will be coming in May through a school wide survey and the Art Exhibition & Year in Review (May 21). Links to the Compacts are on the website under each grade level. Examples of how the Compacts were developed, and revised, by parents in the past.
7:50-8:00 Closing Activity - Grace Yang

- RP practice implementation at Mays
- Closing activity based on RP/Circles
- Invitation to join a Parent Circle

Participants enjoyed closing Circle, “What made you smile today?” We decided it is important to let go and to remember to smile and laugh during our day.

8:00 Closing Survey - What are your thoughts? Link to brief survey.

Link to Survey: https://forms.gle/QkqgNkpKJCGBpoMs5

The following dates/times are proposed future PTA Meetings:

- Tuesday, May 12, 2020, 7:00-8:00pm **Elections**