

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

6:00 - 7:30 General 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.

Participants:

Alex Swenson
Erica Valliant
Waubun Smith
Tayler Johnson
Lindsay Walker
Karen Shanahan
Kirk Morris
Jonnisha Pitts
Jorea Fleurant

- **Sign In & Greetings!**
- **Treasurer's Report**

Hard copies provided. Balance as of today is \$5,597.00. We have been maintaining a pretty consistent balance. We have not received our bill from the Scholastic Book Fair, and have not paid it yet. We have deposited the money from our book fair earnings, just have not paid out yet.

We have a collection of extra books that we could wait until after the next book fair (next April) and save enough books to send one home with each kid. If we have enough for each child to have one, we can have a book giveaway. If we do not have enough, PTA is more interested in getting the books into kids hands so they can read them by putting them into classroom libraries.

- **Budget Presentation by Principal Morris**

Projected enrollment 447 total; budget is based on this number. Total allocation \$3,407,332. Seems like a lot, but most of this budget goes toward staff expenses. We do not have to make any cuts, that's the good news. Bad news is this: 25,163 (General Fund) and 627 (Compensatory Fund) for "Instructional Materials" next year. IB Funding pays for part of Stacy's salary. Also for everything IB -- since everything we do is IB so this amount can be somewhat flexible.

CSI - MN State Designation based on achievement and attendance. Funding is determined by the state, not district.

Brendan will not be with us next year unless he applies for Teacher Lead.

Will have a TOSA Teacher Lead -- District is adding.

We have a 0 Allocation for food next year.

Will be posting for science specialist, would also be open to a cultural specialist who could facilitate a culture class .

We have 33 dollars for Transportation. Family involvement is important-- above and beyond the 33 dollars, we will find a way to help organize participation for our families from the General Fund or IB. We will find a way.

What happens if numbers are not the same as projected?

Fall adjustment happens October 1. Enrollment is projected to be low. If it turns out to be much higher and we are allocated an additional 100,000 or more, we will use the funding to add an additional academic support specialist.

Are numbers based on start of school this year? Based on history at Mays; based on 5 year trend. We do tend to lose kids from Kindergarten to first who pass the GT exam and move to Capitol Hill. The transition from K to 1 is the grade jump where we tend to lose the highest number of kids.

Can we have a copy of the budget? Will it be available to reference somewhere?

Paper = Huge Expense. Uniforms = Huge Expense ~ current cost to school is about 5,000 to provide extra uniforms for students who need them. Current research does not suggest that uniforms have a larger impact on academics - They do create a sense of group identity.

Additional Update / Check-In - Not looping next year.

A survey is being put together to gauge interest in continuing as a uniform school v. a non-uniform school. Seeking feedback from families about uniforms.

Science specialist next year: when we used to have a science pullout MCA scores for science jumped by a significant margin. Classroom teachers imbed science into

- **PTA Business**

- **Event Planning/News/Updates**

- **Thursday, May 9 Rondo/Home Traveling Art Exhibition**

Erika: Science Museum Table

- **Culture Night (Date TBD)**

- **Thursday, June 6 5:30 - 7:00 Mays Moves** (We will discuss at the PTA MTG on May 21)

- **Update: PTA Bylaws & Elections:**

- Current officers were elected for 2 year term before the new universal bylaws were in place.

- January 2020: we will elect a Nominating Committee.

- May 2020 we will hold elections. At that time we will have 1 year terms with positions able to be held for 2 consecutive terms.

- **MN PTA Convention: Saturday, April 12, 2019**

- **Attending on behalf of Mays PTA: Jolene Mason, Waubun Smith, Karen Shanahan**
 - Enlightening. Interesting experience. Sees need for more parent involvement. Would go again. We will be able to use a digital format to do a lot of our paperwork stuff - Sign-in's, etc.
- **2019-20 PTA Meeting Time/Date Proposals ***Voted in favor of these changes*****
 - **Time of meetings: current 6:00 to 7:30 / Proposed: 6:00 to 7:00**
 - **Dates for 2019/20 Meetings - TUESDAYS**
 - **Tuesday, September 10, 2019**
 - **Tuesday, December 10, 2019**
 - **Tuesday, January 14, 2020**
 - **Tuesday, April 14, 2020 **Elections: Nominations****
 - **Tuesday, May 12, 2020 **Elections****
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- **Erika will be here to do ~15 parent interviews about advocacy, civic engagement work. As part of Education Partnership Coalition. Includes SPPN, Northside Achievement Zone. Recruiting parents to join committees that get together and talk about things & get things done!**

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, May 21, 6:00-7:30