

PTA Minutes

Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 6:00-7:30pm

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.

- Greeting
- Icebreaker - What Title? Do NOT use a work title to describe who you are or what you (like to) do
- Treasurer's Report - Copies of the PTA Budget passed out and general review
- Calendar of events (additions - Bingo, Culver's Night???)
- Invitation to assist with Fall Festival
- **CAFE Design Team**
 - **Things that have come from CAFE events in the past: Anti-bullying campaigns, Goal setting sheets to be used at conferences to facilitate more conversation between families, students, and parents rather than just going through the report cards from beginning to end. More use of Apps for communicating with parents (remind app, ClassDojo, etc...) has also come out of CAFE. Also, for every school event, we can arrange transportation. This came out of CAFE as well.**
 - **Questions for upcoming Mays CAFE (9/27/18)**
 - **Quote: "I believe everyone is born into the world to do something unique and distinctive." -Benjamin E. Mays**
 - **What is your unique and distinctive call, quality, or skill?**
 - Feedback from participants about answering this question:

- **Idea: During the first CAFE session, we will have the Title I presentation as well. Say first question before Title I presentation so people can think about the question for a while before responding rather than having to come up with an answer on the spot. -Alex**
- CAFE opportunity for families and teachers to come together and *know* each other more deeply, feel a deeper sense of community at our school, opens eyes to different perspectives. “School is the boss and we are just the parents” is a common expectation that many parents may hold from our own experiences in school, that may prevent some families from attending. This is the opposite of what CAFE is. -Mandy
- Grade level compacts, opportunities for family involvement, how to get information about curriculum and assessment (some of the things we will cover during the Title I presentation)
- Practical/Factual vs. Heart/Emotional balance in decision making.

Events/Projects

- Meet and Greet Thursday, August 30, 4:30-6:00
- Mays CAFE Thursday, September 27, 5:30-7:30
- **Fall Festival Friday, Thursday, October 25, 6:00-8:00**
 - **On flyer: Allergy-Free desserts would be welcome (word-crafting needed) so as not to exclude children with allergies from enjoying prizes.**
 - **Donations for cake walk needed.**
 - **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**
 - **Flyers will come home to families in email form and paper form.**
 - **Emails or calls to Karen if able to volunteer.**
- Mays CAFE Thursday, January 24, 5:30-7:30
- NAAPID (National African American Parent Involvement Day) Monday, February 11
- Movie Night Thursday, February, 28, 6:00-8:00
- Culture Night Thursday, April 25, 5:30-7:00
- 5th Grade Exhibition, Thursday, May 30, 5:30-7:30
- Mays Moves, Thursday, June 7, 5:30-7:00 ????
- Bingo Night, March 28, 6:00-7:00 ????

 - Last Bingo Night 6-8 years ago
 - We have all of the materials we need (i.e. Cards, Markers, etc...)

- Culvers Night: (Week of March 4)???

Standing Committees

Fall Festival - Chair Karen Shanahan

Recruitment - all PTA currently

Culture Night - Chair Ankheth Hesi-Ra

The following General PTA Meeting dates are proposed:

- Tuesday, December 4, 6:00-7:30
 - What can we do to create an awesome experience for NAAPID?
 - Movie night: Concessions, Promotion
- Tuesday, January 8, 6:00-7:30

- Tuesday, April 16, 6:00-7:30
- Tuesday, May 21, 6:00-7:30

Next PTA General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 6:00-7:30. Everyone is welcome to attend.