

DRAFT Minutes  
General PTA Membership Meeting  
11:30 A.M. January 9, 2015  
Mantua Elementary School

I. Call Meeting to Order - 11:37 AM

Julie Middleton

II. Adoption of November 2014 Minutes – a motion was made and approved to adopt the November Meeting Minutes.

III. Reports

• President's Report

Julie Middleton

- Each PTA is required to revise its by-laws every five years, our by-laws are due for renewal. We will begin soliciting for by-law committee members starting today and have a draft of revised by-laws available at the February meeting so there are 30 days before we vote on them at the March meeting.

• Treasurer's Report

Nicole Willis

**Fundraisers**

- We are expected to receive a check from the Box Tops collection in December for a little over \$1700.00 (\$1,763.40)
- We have received just over \$3200 in donations (\$3,219.00)
- Our Escript income to date is \$436.05
- Currently the income for Fundraising Partnerships is \$396.02
- The Printer Cartridge recycling program has given us \$76.75
- The Boosterthon Fall Fundraiser donations have given us a profit of a little over \$39K (\$39,434.26)
- We have a profit of \$2001.08 for Spirit Wear

**Programs & Events**

- There currently is a little more than \$5K difference between Basketball Income and Expenses, but we still have some custodial bills to pay later in the season
- Book Fair Library Proceeds were \$6,679.27
- Drama Club has brought in \$7060.34 (less expenses of \$5194.48 equals \$1,865.86)
- Raccoon Runners has brought in \$3,770.00 (less expenses of \$1,906.96 equals \$1,863.04)
- MathCounts registration fees \$240.00
- Chat n' Chew Books purchased \$655.07
- Chat n' Chew income \$920.00
- Checks written to the school to cover:
  - Field Trips \$6,500.00
  - School Patrols \$200.00

- School Spirit Displays Expenses \$787.45
- Take Home Reading Expenses \$899.84

#### **Mantua ES Wish Fund**

- We've written checks to pay for all of the approved Wish Fund items:
  - \$472.96 Snap Circuits for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Science
  - \$1,586.20 SRA Reading Lab materials for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts
  - \$2,178.00 Document Cameras to benefit the entire school
  - \$3000.00 Dreambox to benefit the entire school
  - \$2,556.75 Laminator for the office
  - \$347.00 "Celebrate Calm" audio CDs for the PTA's parent resource library

#### **Local, State & National Membership Dues Paid for 393 Members as of 11/30/14**

- Fairfax County Council of PTAs \$98.25
- Virginia PTA (State & National) \$1,277.25

**Directory Printing:** \$1,084.91

#### **Staff Related Expenses**

- Checks written to the school to cover:
  - Principal's Fund \$500.00
  - Staff Development \$6,500.00

**Supplies:** \$369.30 (i.e., stamps, copy paper, etc.)

- Per Mrs. Fernandez: Jane Dunfee is starting the DreamBox process, families will have access information come home soon. Creative and problem solving, all work recorded, can pull off scores and information on how they did on each strand.
- Principals' Report
 

Jan-Marie Fernandez,  
Amy Alley, Nick Rousos
- Mrs. Fernandez talked about the difficult day this past Tuesday, with the weather and many staff members and buses not being able to get to school.

Other events that have happened over the past couple of months:

- Author visits in December, thank you to the PTA for generous financial support in that area, lots of positive feedback from students
- Excellent drama production, Wizard of Oz
- Thanks to parents for help with Book Fair
- Winter Choral Concert
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades Human Growth and Development lessons
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade visit to planetarium
- 12/19 - winter sing-along and mitten readings

## Upcoming events:

- 1/14 – Winter Band Concert
- 1/15 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade Human Growth and Development parent preview, 7 PM
- 1/16 – Family Fun Skate night
- 1/19 – Martin Luther King Day, No school
- 1/20– Restaurant Night at Chipotle
- 1/20 – VA Department of Health Dental Visit, letters were sent home this week to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, please return if you would like to opt in
- 1/22 – Strings Concert 7 PM at Woodson
- 1/29 – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, 2 hour early release
- 1/29 – 1 hour Human Growth and Development lesson to 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- 1/30 – Staff Development Day, Student holiday, No School
- 2/2 - Strategic Planning Day, Student holiday, No School
- 2/3 - Start of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
- 2/5 – Rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders orientation at Frost for parents, 6pm (Snow date is 2/12)
- 2/8 – Talent Show Video Auditions and Forms due
- 2/12 – Next PTA Meeting, 7 PM, Library
- 2/19 – Frost Family Festival (parents and kids), 5:30-7:30 PM
- 2/19 – Restaurant Night at Panda Express, Chinese New Year
- 2/25 – 6<sup>th</sup> graders visit Frost
  
- Teacher of the Year Award – Crystalyn Hill (3<sup>rd</sup> grade Special Ed teacher)
- Proposed FCPS budget is being presented today, Superintendent Garza purposely put forth what she feels is a conservative %, which includes a step increase and 1% COLA for FCPS. It is a priority to keep our amazing teaching force, which is rated 98/120 in the country in terms of teacher salaries for similarly sized jurisdictions (something like that...).

Amy Alley (presented by Mrs. Fernandez)

- CogAT Scores and AAP pool letters will be arriving home soon - The number of students who have been found eligible for the AAP pool is quite a bit lower than usual because of a new formula. There are a number of children that are probably higher overall than the children in the pool. This is because they are only taking the composite score of the CogAT (132 or above), which is not actually an average. It used to be if you got a 132 of any of the 3 subtests or Naglieri, you would be in the pool. So, there are many children with high 120's or 130/131 that are not in the pool. If you get scores and your child is not in the pool, please feel free to self refer.

- WIDA – ESOL test – starts next week, through 2/27. Letters were sent home in December to families of students that will take the test. This is a national test, even if you opt out of ESOL services from FCPS, we are still required to give your child the test
- IOWA – 6<sup>th</sup> grade advanced math test – Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – Opt In assessment
- Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> – Make-ups for CogAT/Naglieri

Nick Rousos (presented by Mrs. Fernandez)

- Meeting scheduled with Facilities for yesterday (snow day) has been rescheduled
- Table talk (Crisis team that meets with FCPS Safety and Security, police department and fire department), during which the Administration walks through fake crises scenario and how it would be handled at Mantua, also needs to be rescheduled (March/April)
- 1st Vice President for Programs Lisa Libby, Ellen Lemieux
  - Talent Show auditions due Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, online auditions, more information in Alert News
  - Winter Enrichment starting next week
- 2nd Vice President for Fundraising/Membership Meri Farling
  - Directories went out, recent joined members will receive theirs soon
  - Restaurant Night getting set up for Chipotle, hoping for date soon (will probably not be January 21 as on PTA calendar)
  - Barnes and Noble fundraiser was a bust, they wanted us to have volunteers there to run the activities, so amount made was nominal
  - Five Below – working on getting check after that fundraiser
  - Spring Fling – signed a contract that has indoor activities and outdoor activities to preempt weather issues as we had last year
  - Panda Express – Fundraiser will be held there on Chinese New Year

#### IV. Old Business

#### V. New Business

- PTA By-Laws – above in President’s Report, please contact Julie if you would like to be on the committee

VI. Announcements- Check out [www.mantuapta.org](http://www.mantuapta.org) for more information on these and other events (see back):

January 14: Band Concert  
January 15: Human Growth & Development Parent Meeting  
January 16: Family Fun Skate Night  
January 19: School Closed, MLK, Jr. Holiday  
January 22: Strings Concert at Woodson HS  
January 29: 2-Hour Early Release  
January 30-February 2: No School, Student Holidays  
February 5: Rising 7th Grade Orientation at Frost MS  
February 8: Talent Show Video Audition and Form Due  
February 12: PTA Monthly Meeting, Library, 7 PM

VII. Adjournment - 12:36 PM