

MINUTES – FINAL, APPROVED 6/8/2017

General PTA Membership Meeting

May 5, 2017, 9:30am

Mantua Elementary School

I. The meeting was called to order by Sam Leiber at 9:43am

Executive Board and Membership Attendees: Sam Leiber, Nicole Willis, Dawn Keene, Kristina Clarke, Chanda McCarthy, Megan Burski-Wells, Terri Radziewski, Eva Orłowski, Daya Kugarajah, Sarah Bogardus

Administration and School Representatives: Amy Alley, Nick Rousos

II. Adoption of April 2017 Minutes – No objections; minutes approved as written

III. Reports

-President's Report

Sam Leiber

- Traffic committee held its 4th meeting; VDOT was involved. Next meeting to be held at 1pm on 5/6 with hopes to finalize recommendations to the MCA. Concerns include emergency vehicles, traffic safety, and gate to be manned by a Mantua employee during bus times only.
- Thanks to Chanda for an amazing spring fling, lots of last minute changes and a great event!
- Thanks to our nominating committee, great job!

-Treasurer's Report

Nicole Willis

Fundraisers

- We received a check from Box Tops in the amount of \$783.40
- Spring Fling/Carnival – We have received so far \$13,338.00 from Market Place Booth fees, Silent Auction payments, and Wristband/Ticket Sales
- Expenses we paid out for the Spring Fling since the last meeting were \$1091.59, which includes the purchase of the wristbands, DJ services, pizzas, paper products, rolls of tickets, face paints, sand, signs

Programs & Events

- We reimbursed FCPS for the expenses and salaries for the art teachers for the Spring Break Art Camp in the amount of \$2645.86
- Garden & Landscaping – paid out \$20.00 Ms. Sullivan's class to do soil tests
- Drama Club expenses were paid out to reimburse for cast party expenses & gift cards for the lighting & sound guys
- Raccoon Runners – we paid out \$1153.59 to purchase t-shirts and registration fees for the Raccoon Run

Supplies

- Purchased a reusable stamp & Sharpies for \$26.72

-Principals' Report

Jan-Marie Fernandez (Given by Ms. Alley)

Ms. Fernandez attending Region 5 Principals' Meeting and giving a presentation

Events That Took Place:

- 4/7 End of 3rd Quarter; 2 Hour Early Release
- 4/10-14 Spring Break, School Closed
- 4/17 Student Holiday, School Closed
- 4/18 Bio Retention Basin Garden work begins
- 4/19 Hong and Wasserman classes to Woodson Planetarium
- 4/20 WTW Environmental Club Workshop
- 4/22 Spring Fling, 11am-3pm and Volunteer Appreciation (during Spring Fling)
- 4/24 Kindergarten Health Lesson: Handwashing, Public health nurse
- 4/24-28 Secretary Appreciation Week
- 4/25 Cruz and Graap classes to Cherry Hill Farmhouse; DeRosa and Garneski classes to Woodson Planetarium
- 4/26 Spring Picture Day – Strawbridge, new company, haven't heard any negative feedback
- 4/26 Sperapani to Cherry Hill Farmhouse; Rising 7th graders to Luther Jackson MS
- 4/27 Baugher class to Woodson Planetarium; AAP Orientation, 7-8pm
- 4/28 Parent Education Session on Executive Functioning, 9:30-10:30am
- 4/28-29 All County Chorus Festival
- 5/1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/2 Kindergarten Orientation, 2:50-3:40pm
- 5/3 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- 5/4 5th Grade AAP, Bird MWEE; Meaningful Watershed Event, Spring Band Concert, 7pm

Upcoming Events:

- 5/10 6th Grade Panoramic Picture Day
- 5/10 PTA Event: Restaurant Night at Banyan Tree Grill, 5-8pm
- 5/13 Raccoon Run 1 Mile Fun-Run & 5K
- 5/13 Bio Retention Basin Garden work continues
- 5/15 Hall and Jenkins classes field trip to Woodson Planetarium
- 5/16 SOLs begin; 5th Grade Reading SOL
- 5/17 3rd Grade Reading SOL
- 5/17 Woodson Pyramid Art Show – amazing art show, wonderful event
- 5/18 Strings Concert, 5th&6th Grades, 7pm
- 5/19 4th Grade Reading SOL
- 5/20 Bio Retention Basin Garden Planting
- 5/22 6th Grade Reading SOL
- 5/23 3rd Grade Math SOL
- 5/24 4th Grade Math SOL
- 5/24 Box Tops Contest Deadline

- 5/25 Strings Concert, 4th Grade, 7pm
- 5/26 5th Grade Math SOL
- 5/26 Early Release: School Ends at 2:05pm
- 5/29 School Closed: Memorial Day Holiday
- 5/31 6th Grade Math SOL
- 6/1 4th Grade VA Studies SOL
- 6/2 5th Grade Science SOL
- 6/5-8 SOL Retakes
- 6/8 PTA Volunteer Reception (6:30pm) and Monthly Meeting (7pm)

-Assistant Principal

Amy Alley

Testing news:

- SOL Retakes – Available to children who score 375-399 on first attempt; take a second attempt after remediation. Parents to respond to form giving intent to do retake; admin will attempt to reach parents in case of a retake.
- SOL Make Ups – Available for kids who are absent on test date
- CAT test – Computer Adaptive Test, math and reading are CAT format, based on answer to first question, test responds to their abilities, hope to find more accurate score
- 5th Grade Math SOL scheduled for 2 hour release day is not an issue, students can have lunch with Ms. Alley if needed, will have enough time to complete test
- Jr. PALS – Italian testing for 3rd and 6th grade, includes a written and speaking component
- DRA – reading assessment
- MRA – math assessment for 1 and 2 grade
- Music and art assessment to be completed by 5/19

-Assistant Principal

Nick Rousos

- Regarding an email sent to 5th and 6th grade parents about the Netflix show *13 Reasons Why*: Email was sent to make parents aware of the conversations that kids may be having around this topic. Troublingly, the show does not reference any resources for help, the email was sent to provide those resources. Kids are talking about the show and its topic at school; some have watched the show, health lessons cover feelings and what to do if you hear a friend who is not feeling well. There has been an uptick in instances over the past two weeks of kids in the building coming to adults with concerns. What are teachers doing if they overhear conversations around the topic? Teachers suggest that kids talk to parents at home or with counselors in the school, that it's not a conversation for the kids to have amongst each other, "not appropriate at school."
- New revised bio retention area: 5th and 6th grade kids participated and planned with county facilities, native garden to be planted outside of SACC room
- Mantua will be closed this summer for storm water retention project and AC/heating system renovation
- FCPS Budget is currently 70 million short, cuts are being outlined by Fairfax County, check the website to stay informed
- Vandalism on playground: inappropriate language was scratched on the poles; poles were sanded and repainted

-2nd Vice President for Fundraising/Membership

Chanda McCarthy

- SCA Movie Night – Brian Collins is the Student Counsel sponsor, need to have kids more involved, PTA cannot run the event at this time
- Successful Spring Fling

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

Presentation of slate of candidates for 2017-18 school year; vote will take place at June 8 meeting

President – Sam Leiber

VP, Programs – Dawn Keene

VP, Fundraising – Terri Radziewski

Treasurer – Nicole Willis

Secretary – Trina Rasmussen

VI. Announcements

Check out www.mantuapta.org and the Alert News for more information on what is happening at Mantua

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 10:22 am