

MINUTES
2021-2022 PTA Meeting
Friday, March 11, 2022 @ 9:30am
Mantua Cafeteria

I. The virtual meeting was called to order at 9:35am by Kristina Clarke

II. President Report: Kristina Clarke

- We are onto the next round of programs and activities for the spring.
- Nominating committee and volunteers for next year. Hoping to do a strong hand off for next year.
- 6th grade party is in the beginning stages.
- PTA is getting a committee together for that, and we have a date. More planning info to come. Hoping to do the party to the fullest this year.

Meeting Minutes from February's PTA Meeting : Motion to approve at 9:40am

III. Library Update: Mrs. Marmol and Mrs. Hawke

Thanks for the book fair help. Mural begins in late spring. Artist will work while kids are here so the kids will get to see her work while they are in the library. Excited for the kids to see the entire process from start to finish. Thanks to the PTA for all the support. This is years of book fair money to help finance this.

Ms. Shannon:

The theme is genres of books, focusing on our environment. Things that kids love, fantasy, no specific characters. The Artist is really all about kids. Thank you for finding her! Everyone is excited.

Mrs Alley : Maybe we could have a ribbon cutting to show everyone when it is done?

IV. Treasurer's Report: Sophany Setliff

- Passed around copies of the budget.
- Drama and raccoon runners have some revenue added.
- If you have any other questions please ask.
- Wish fund has started to purchase items - ukuleles, water fountain, outdoor tables, garden committee probably just getting started on their wish fund. Calming spaces being furnished etc.
- \$10 refunds will be coming out of memberplanet soon for PTA members.

V. Principal's Reports: Linda Shannon

- Mask updates have come out through community messaging. I want to mirror what kids and teachers are doing. Mantua has adjusted to this the best compared to her colleagues.
- Had Read across America was so great last week. Librarians really helped with that, and it was really cool.
- ESSER continues to do our interventions. Given based on population of school, making sure kids are making gains and measuring it. LEXIA , got a site license for everyone. Teachers are incorporating in all of their classes too. You can see exactly where gaps are and in an intentional way.

Parent Question : Money the school given specifically to get kids caught up? Can we get more teachers for small groups? What I am hearing is that some kids are struggling, but less small groups. Should there be more levels of small groups?

Ms. Shannon: Special education is separate from this. IEPs are different from this, data and progress monitoring determines this. ESSER is really for everyone, federal grant money, anticipate this challenge b/c of what they have experienced the last few years....so they did some grouping for ESSER support - if they aren't accessing it, that means they didn't qualify for it. but if you are concerned you can bring that up to staff.

Academic and Wellness leads - Admin team worked together to create interventions. Student needs really drove the interventions. Still look at individual children, sometimes it isn't the right fit. Reach out if you feel like it was a miss for your child.

Couldn't buy positions with it - limited on how you could use the money. Would have loved to pay for staffing, reduce student ratios, but weren't able to do that.

Parent Question: Can we do another round of parent teacher conferences?

Admin: Anytime!

Parent Question: When will the cafeteria change back to round tables?

Ms.Shannon: Very grateful we set up as we did this year, but hoping lunch will be back to normal next year. Can't take the risk to move desks out and have to put them back. Some parents aren't so comfortable with changing lunch. Outdoor lunch will be starting back next week. Keeping mitigation strategies in place as they have. Nothing has changed except masks. Don't really need to contract trace unless there is a class outbreak. Worried to have to go back on something.

Parent Question: Do kids choose if they eat outside or inside?

Ms. Shannon: No - there is a schedule based on the class, took turns but can seat anywhere

Ms. Shannon: Professional development day was a great success and the PTA sponsored waffles were amazing!

VI: Assistant Principal's Report: Amy Alley

- NNAT 3 now select 2-6th grade. Scores come out Mid-May
- WIDA in progress and will wrap up before Spring Break, scores to come out in June
- SOL Dates : 3-6th April 25-May 27th (including retakes)

3rd Grade:

May 6th - Reading

May 17 - Math

4th Grade:

May 11- Reading

May 18- Math

5th Grade:

April 29 - Reading

May 10 - Science

May 20- Math

6th Grade:

May 4th - Reading

May 13th- Math

Local Alternative Assessment PBL

3rd: Science and Social Studies

4th: Virginia History

5th : Writing

6th: Social Studies

- Can retake SOL if a student scores 375-399, admin will reach out to parents to decide if it is in the best interests to retake.
- SOL : each question is based on how well they answered previous
- Results of SOL go home in the last report card.

Kindergarten orientation : parents doing zoom session (same as years past, but just online).

3/31: pre-k kids will come in at the end of the day and tour building, PTA meet and greet on the blacktop

VII . VP of Programs: Jenn Ros

- Basketball wrapped up last night with the boys' championship games, congrats to all of the players who participated this season and big thanks to the volunteer coaches and refs that make it all happen!
- Chat'n Chew still going, some groups will have their last meeting this month, some in April.
 - Drama is in full gear preparing the spring musical for their May performance.
 - Spring Enrichment is in progress. If this is something your child enjoys, please consider shadowing Heather Hill next year!
 - Garden volunteer Karin Hudson gave the containers and sign a fresh update. Join the facebook group for volunteer opportunities!
 - Raccoon Runners will begin their spring term next week!
 - The Talent Show is March 26 th !

VIII. Talent show: Althea Bryson

- 3/25 rehearsal
- 3/26 MC is Ms. Shannon
- Brooke Aiken is helping this year, so we need someone to take it over next year. Althea will help train but need a volunteer to take it over.

IX. Vote to confirm Nominating Committee

- Motion to approve at 10:32

X. Nominating Committee Update: Kathy Timberlake

- Every chair position is filled.
- A lot of new names
- 3 roles we haven't filled are the Run for Rocky, President and VP of fundraising

XI. VP of Fundraising : Gretchen West

- School Kids - edukit, hoping teachers updating lists now
- Read a thon - last 2 weeks of april, encouraging kids to read at home, using 99 pledges, frost just finished and they raised over \$14,000 with just 12%
- All online and a little competitive, some paper forms too
- 2 weeks, kids read and get certificates and prizes

XII. Announcements

Check out Mantuapta.org, and weekly newsletter for more information on things happening at Mantua Elementary.

Meeting is adjourned at 10:40am.