

MINUTES
General PTA Membership Meeting
April 5, 2018
Mantua Elementary School

I. The meeting was called to order by Sam Leiber at 7:15pm.

Executive Board and Membership Attendees: Sam Leiber, Nicole Willis, Terri Radziewski, Dawn Keene, Trina Rasmussen, Emily Mosso

Administration and School Representatives: Jan-Marie Fernandez

II. Adoption of March 2018 Minutes – Insufficient membership attendance to vote on March 2018 minutes

III. Reports

President's Report

Sam Leiber

The Nominating Committee has compiled a list of nominees for next year's PTA Executive Board. The list is as follows:

President – Lisa Libby
Treasurer – Molly Gravholt
VP Fundraising – Emily Mosso
VP Programs – Ali Wills
Secretary – Trina Rasmussen

Treasurer's Report

Nicole Willis

Budget Numbers Since Last Meeting, March 16, 2018

Fundraisers

- Harris Teeter Together in Education – received \$331.93 for the period of December 2017 through February 2018
- Restaurant Night at Elevation Burger – received \$210
- Carnival/Spring Fling – Expenses paid out for prizes, Tuesday Folder Flyers, display case supplies totaling \$1059.32

Membership Dues

- Wrote a check for \$18.75 to the Virginia PTA to cover our dues for State and National for 5 new memberships since December 1st, 2017

Programs & Events

- Spring Break Art Camp – Income \$3875.00 and Expenses \$2962.03 (\$2846.98 to FCPS to pay for Mrs. Shirley and Mr. Lorenzi's salaries, the rest for art supplies)
- Drama Club – Stuart Little \$2930.55 Income from ticket sales and concessions and spent \$1529.27 since last meeting (t-shirts, sets, props, costumes, concessions)
- Kids Care Club – Spent \$200.61 for teacher gifts, pet blankets, valentines to a hospital, homeless shelter gifts
- Raccoon Runners – Registrations income received \$250.00 and spent \$81.22 on snacks
- Book Fair Library Proceeds - \$6622.38 check written to the school for the library

Recent Events:

- Heritage & Literacy Night – This event was held last night (April 4th). It was originally scheduled for March 22nd but due to inclement weather the school had been closed. The rescheduled event was a success and included 22 countries being represented.
- 2nd grade hosted “Reptiles Live”

Upcoming Events:

4/11	Woodson Pyramid Art Show
4/13	2 HOUR EARLY RELEASE: School Ends at 2:05pm
4/16	SCHOOL CLOSED: Student Holiday
4/16	Kindergarten Orientation, 2pm
4/17	Author Bobbie Pyron to visit 3 rd -6 th grade
4/18	Mrs. Fernandez travels to Boston for a recruiting event
4/20	Spring Picture Day
4/21	PTA Event: Spring Fling
4/21	PTA Event: Volunteer Appreciation
4/25-27	Classes visit Cherry Hill Farmhouse
4/25	4 th grade to attend National Symphony Orchestra
4/26	AAP Orientation
4/23-27	Secretary Appreciation Week
4/24	Author Sue Fliess to visit K-2 nd grade
4/25	Salad Bar to begin in cafeteria
4/28-29	All County Choral Festival
5/1	6 th Grade Panoramic Picture Day
5/3	Spring Band Concert, 7pm
5/3	FCPSOn Meeting
5/7-11	Teacher Appreciation Week
5/9	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
5/9	Family 4 attends “Charlotte’s Web” at George Mason Theatre
5/11	PTA Meeting, 9:30am, Cafeteria

Double Robot:

Mantua has a student who is at home recovering from a trip to the hospital. The school board has provided Mantua with a Double Robot to support this student’s continued learning. Information from www.FCPS.edu regarding the Double Robot:

“The Office of Out-of-School Support works with approximately 650 students who receive homebound instruction each year. For students who are homebound due to illness, a pilot program known as Double Robot—which began in January 2016—offers them the opportunity to attend class virtually so they can stay on top of their work. The Double Robot helps students stay current in a cost-effective way by using mobile telepresence devices in the students’ home and the classroom.

Students who access homebound services are predicted to miss at least 20 consecutive days of school for medical reasons. While these students are unable to attend school in person, they are still an important part of the school community. The Office of Out-of-School Support aims to sustain continuity of instruction and to facilitate a successful return to school for the student.

One unfortunate side effect of typical homebound instruction is that homebound students do not experience daily interaction with their peers at school. Traditionally, students receiving homebound instruction would meet with a teacher one-on-one for a few hours a week. While the use of telepresence technology is not the best choice for all homebound students, it is a powerful option that can be useful for those who can maintain a regular virtual attendance. The Double Robot allows students the autonomy to move around and participate in group work, turn to see the board, or zoom in on presentations. The student is able to actively participate in the class in a way not possible with static telepresence such as FaceTime or Skype.

The use of this technology supports the Student Success, Caring Culture, and Resource Stewardship aspects of the FCPS strategic plan Ignite.”

Testing:

Naglieri: Scores will arrive soon and will then be sent home in the mail

SOL: Test dates letters will be sent home soon

Junior PALS: 3rd and 6th grade Italian PALS testing letters to be sent home soon

Second Language Education:

Mantua is officially moving to Spanish language education next year and will be discontinuing Italian language education. We are currently looking for 2 Spanish teachers.

1st Vice President for Programs

Dawn Keene

Dawn has been working with Terri Radziewski on Advanced Ticket sales for Spring Fling.

2nd Vice President for Fundraising/Membership

Terri Radziewski

- All energy is going into Spring Fling preparation. We have some great volunteers. We are selling wristbands online for the first time.
- Emily Mosso has been working on School Supply Kits. This is not going to be a fundraiser. We will see how it goes for the first year. Ordering will be done online and kits will be delivered to homes. Mantua will get \$200 of free supplies. Emily will let the administration know when an order can be placed.

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

Presentation of Slate of Candidates for the 2018-2019 PTA Executive Board – listed by Sam Lieber in his report earlier in the meeting.

VI. Announcements

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

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

