

Minutes  
General PTA Membership Meeting  
January 12, 2018, 9:30am  
Mantua Elementary School

I. Meeting called to order by Sam Leiber @ 9:43am

Executive Board & Membership Attendees: Sam Leiber, Nicole Willis, Dawn Keene, Trina Rasmussen, Carrie Wendell, Edith Macarthur, Kathy Phillips, Susanne Fitch, Kathleen DeCarlo

Administration & School Representatives: Jan-Marie Fernandez, Amy Alley, Nick Rousos

II. Minutes of December 2017 PTA Meeting adopted

III. Reports

**President's Report**

**Sam Leiber**

- Given that it feels as though we just held a meeting, Sam will look into the Bylaws to determine if we can ever miss a meeting.
- Regarding the **National PTA School of Excellence Program**, the preliminary draft of a phone tree is progressing and Sam will soon be speaking with stakeholders.
- The **Family Fun Ice Skating Night** originally planned for January 19<sup>th</sup> will be **postponed** until sometime in February (date still tbd).
- We are still in need of a **Nominating Committee** to put together next year's PTA Board. There are four positions that will need to be filled: President, Treasurer, VP Fundraising and VP Programs. Nicole shared that Molly Gravholt has volunteered to take over her Treasurer role so we may have only 3 positions to fill.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Nicole Willis**

**Budget Numbers Since Last Meeting, December 8, 2017**

**Fundraisers**

- Harris Teeter sent us \$100 for our Together in Education Program proceeds

**Member Dues**

- We received another \$30 in membership dues since the last meeting

## **Programs & Events**

- Drama Club Ticket and Concession sales totaled \$ 2464.00 and expenses reimbursed were \$1040.55 so far (costumes, sets, gift cards to key volunteers, concessions)
- Basketball – we reimbursed a total of \$6312.06 to cover expenses for basketballs, scorebooks, jerseys, whistles, and the Fairfax County Community Use fee
- Book Fair – Brought in \$11,772.86 prior to the last meeting. We wrote a check to pay for our book costs in the amount of \$5150.48. So I'll be able to write a check for the Book Fair Library Proceeds in the amount of \$6622.38 if the Book Fair chair confirms this amount.
- Chat 'n' Chew – we reimbursed expenses totaling \$40.41 for supplies
- Classroom Language Arts – we gave the school \$2000 to apply toward their Classroom Language Arts expenses
- Eco Team – we reimbursed Ms. Sullivan \$16.11
- Field Trips – we gave the school \$7500 to help offset their expenses for field trips throughout the year – this money is evenly divided between the grade levels
- Parent Education -- \$42.60 was reimbursed for foods/beverages at the last parent education meeting
- School Patrols – we gave the school \$200 to help with expenses related to the school patrols and their supplies
- School Spirit Displays – we reimbursed \$37.05 for the frosty the snowman display upgrades

## **Staff-Related Expenses**

- Principal's Fund – we gave the school \$500 to help with various incidentals for students in need as deemed appropriate by the administration
- Staff Development Expense – we gave the school \$6500 to help offset their expenses

## **Supplies**

- \$53.96 was used to mail our tax forms to the IRS and buy a roll of stamps

## **Mantua ES Wish Fund**

- So far we have reimbursed Ms. Song \$799.59 toward her approved purchase of We Thinkers! Volumes 1 & 2 and Kimochis Educator Toolkit

## **Principals' Report**

**Jan-Marie Fernandez**

### **Past Events:**

- The musical was really well done. Unfortunately, the Saturday performances had to be cancelled due to poor weather. However, we were able to arrange to hold 2 additional performances on the following Wednesday.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades completed their Human Growth & Development before the holidays.
- Woodson students came to meet with 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders for after school math enrichment. Our students love it. We usually have to limit the numbers. We will be doing a similar program with Woodson's Eco Team.

- We had the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Winter Choral Concert.
- The Winter Sing-A-Long went well. It was appreciated that parents did not attend. With a lot of coordination between teachers and admin, we were able to get more than 1000 children singing together. It was something special.
- Winter Break was from December 18<sup>th</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- There was a workshop for the Boys' Chorus with the Woodson Men's Chorus.
- We had 3 days off of school due to poor weather.

### Upcoming Events:

1/?	The 6 <sup>th</sup> grade will soon be heading to the Planetarium.
1/12	AAP referrals are due at close of business today. Admin will be talking to AAP to see if an extension is possible. The information got to parents late due to the recent school closings.
1/15	SCHOOL CLOSED: Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
1/17	Winter Strings Concert, 5-6th grades, 7pm
1/18	Rising 7th Grade Orientation, Frost MS, 5pm (Snow Date 1/24)
1/22	PTA Parent Education Night
1/23 or 24	4 <sup>th</sup> grade parent preview of Human Growth & Development
1/24	Rising 7th Grade Orientation, Luther Jackson MS
1/25	2-HOUR EARLY RELEASE: School ends at 2:05pm
1/26,29	SCHOOL CLOSED: Student Holiday
1/30	PTA Event: Restaurant Night @ Flipping Pizza, 4-8pm
1/30	Start of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
2/3	Job Fair @ Oakton HS
2/5	Candy-Gram sales begin
2/6	Progress Reports go home
2/8	Rising 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade go to Frost for orientation
2/8	PTA Monthly Meeting, Library, 7pm
2/9	PTA Event: Movie Night, 7-10pm

### National Blue Ribbon School nomination:

Mantua ES was nominated as a National Blue Ribbon School but is not a candidate going forward.

Mrs. Fernandez is the only candidate being put forward from our school pyramid for Outstanding Principal.

We will hold an in-house celebration of the teachers who were nominated at Mantua.

**New FCPS Budget:** Good news! Superintendent Braband - while collaborating with county government - has set a focus for the new budget to allocate funds for pay increases while keeping existing programs in place. It will help attract new teachers if our salaries are more competitive. There should also be funds to further compensate non-teachers who no longer qualify for step increases.

### Principals' Report (cont'd)

**Amy Alley**

- 6<sup>th</sup> graders took the IOWA Assessment yesterday
- CogAT scores are in the mail
- WIDA currently ongoing
- Universal Screener @ midyear point
- Naglieri to be conducted Feb 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

We are continuing with eCart testing this year in order to compare it against the Universal Screener.

### Principals' Report (cont'd)

**Nick Rousos**

- The fence around the work area in the schoolyard has been removed. Sod is supposed to be settling in. There will be a 4ft fence installed to prevent students from falling into the work area and a sign will be put in place to explain the existence of the fence.
- A language survey will be coming out on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> in order to collect opinions of parents on which languages should be offered at Mantua. Spanish and French will be offered as options but we need to determine if Italian should remain an option.
- When out of school for winter break, behavior tends to get out of groove of school behavior. Let us know about behavior issues so that we can address them before they get out of hand.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for Programs

**Dawn Keene**

- 1/22 **Parent Education Night** – Pediatrician
- Chinese program through **Global Plus** has been so successful that it has inspired another younger group to start.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for Fundraising/Membership

**Terri Radziewski**

- 1/30 Restaurant Night @ Flippin Pizza, 4-8pm
- We still need a lead volunteer for Spring Fling

IV. Old Business  
None

V. New Business  
None

VI. Announcements – check out [www.mantuapta.org](http://www.mantuapta.org) for more information on these and other events:

VII. Adjournment @ 10:27 am