

MINUTES

General PTA Membership Meeting

March 16th, 2018

Mantua Elementary School

I. The meeting was called to order by Sam Leiber at 9:38 am

Executive Board and Membership Attendees: Trina Rasmussen, Carrie Wendell, Terri Radziewski, Sam Leiber, Nicole Willis, Dawn Keene, Emily Mosso, Daya Kugarajah, Laura Tetreault

Administration and School Representatives: Jan-Marie Fernandez, Amy Alley

II. Adoption of February 2018 Minutes – A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes as written.

III. Reports

President's Report

Sam Leiber

Nominating Committee:

We have a Nominating Committee to vote on today.

Walkout on March 14th for 17 minutes: (this topic was introduced by Sam but most of the discussion was led by Jan-Marie Fernandez and Amy Alley)

A template message, provided by FCPS, regarding this week's Walkout was followed by Mantua ES and sent home with students. The school board felt it important not to take a political standpoint and, as a result, all schools were directed by the Superintendent to send the exact template created by the County lawyers. Mantua abided by this direction.

Teachers and staff were not permitted to participate in the Walkout. There may have been some confusion when teachers and staff were seen outside with the students who chose to walkout. These teachers and staff were outside to monitor the students and to ensure the students were safe. Amy Alley also monitored the Walkout. This was to be a student-led walkout. Any teacher who wanted to participate had to leave the school property and do so on their own time.

There was much consideration as to how best to manage the Walkout. The students who asked where to go for the Walkout were told to exit through the art room and to stand at the rear of the building. The school was sensitive to the fact that younger children did not need to be aware of the Walkout. The majority of the older students have classes at the rear of the building.

The teachers did not engage the students in a conversation about the Parkland shooting or any related topic. Teachers were only permitted to tell the students where to walkout if approached and questioned by a student. If asked by other students as to the whereabouts of their classmates, teachers said that their classmates were attending an activity. The students who participated in the Walkout were quiet and well-behaved. Numerous students remained in the building.

Budget Numbers Since Last Meeting, February 8, 2018

Fundraisers

- Amazon Click-Through – received \$166.10 for December 2017 fees
- Amazon Smile – received \$35.56 for 10/1-12/31, 2017
- Fall Fundraiser/Run for Rocky – We continue to receive a \$40 per month recurring donation from a parent toward this event
- Movie Night – We spent \$332.60 on concession supplies and pulled in \$327.00 income from the sales of the concessions. We paid \$170.00 for the Movie License. I would like to move this from a “Fundraiser” to a “Program” as we did not make money on this.
- Carnival/Spring Fling – we paid Fun Events a deposit of \$1,497.74
- Yearbook – We refunded a parent who made a duplicate payment for last year’s yearbook (\$30)

Membership Dues

- We have received 2 more membership dues payments

Programs & Events

- Spring Break Art Camp – New total is \$3,750.00 for 31 registrations. Expenses will be paid out after the camp is completed.
- Enrichment – we received the spring enrichment payment from Bill.com \$632.70 plus a \$40 late registration fee
- Chat ‘n’ Chew – we have received a payment that had been returned on MemberPlanet
- Talent Show – Received \$895.00 for ticket sales and \$772.50 from concessions, totaling \$1667.50 in income – Expenses so far are \$841.56 (\$600 to Ted Donat for Sound Editing/Engineering, Concessions supplies \$241.56)
- Family Fun Nights – We paid Everything Entertainment \$400 for DJ Services at the Valentine’s Dance and \$107.60 for supplies for the dance
- Author’s Conference – Sue Fliess Author visit scheduled for April 24, 2018
- Drama Club – DramaWorks paid \$3500 for their services for Stuart Little production and cash box start-up funds of \$250 given for concessions and ticket sales

Bank Charges

- We received payment for \$20 of a bank fee that was charged to us for a returned payment from MemberPlanet

Filing Fees

- IRS charged us \$560 for late receipt of our Form 990 – Nicole is trying to see if we can get this fee reversed.
- State Corporation Commission Annual Fee of \$25.00 was paid

Hospitality & Appreciation Exp

- Staff Recognition - \$56.01 for Principals’ Appreciation Lunches

Mantua ES Wish Fund

- \$1,975 additional reimbursement given to the school for qty 5 laptops
- \$266.88 for qty 20 sets of ties and cummerbunds

Principals' Report

Jan-Marie Fernandez

Recent Events:

2/9	PTA Event: Movie Night, 7-10pm
2/12-16	Principal Appreciation Week
2/16	PTA Family Fun: Valentine's Day Dance
2/22	Frost Family Festival (Snow Date 3/1)
2/19	SCHOOL CLOSED: President's Day Holiday
2/23	PTA Event: Spelling Bee
2/26-3/2	PTA Event: Spirit Week
3/2	PTA Family Fun: Lego Night, Cafeteria (cancelled due to inclement weather)
3/10	PTA Event: Talent Show, 5:30-9:00pm
3/14	PTA Event: Restaurant Night, Elevation Burger (Fair City Mall), 5-8pm
3/15	Math Enrichment with Woodson students, 4 th & 5 th grades

Additional Recent Events:

- 3rd grade Dental Health Presentation
- 4th grade Human Growth and Development
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- Mantua Basketball Playoffs & Championship Games
- Mantua hosted a SIIP dialogue on March 7th
 - SIIP (School Innovation & Improvement Plan): Networking with Fairfax Villa Elementary, Poplar Tree Elementary, the Superintendent and others. It allows the schools to compare notes and share tools to improve overall learning.

Upcoming Events:

3/16,17	PTA Event: Spring Drama Club Production
3/22	Heritage & Literacy Night, 6-8pm
3/23	FULL DAY OF SCHOOL – NO EARLY RELEASE
3/26-31	SCHOOL CLOSED: Spring Break
4/2	SCHOOL CLOSED: Student holiday & school planning day
4/3,4,5	Thinkabit Lab field trip, 5 th grade
4/5	PTA Monthly Meeting, Library, 7pm

Principals' Report (cont'd)

Amy Alley

Attendance Letter:

Recently, a letter was sent home addressing student absence. This letter - which followed a template by the County - is connected to new State attendance regulations aiming to address the nationwide concern of school attendance. Going forward, a student's attendance will be noted on their high school transcript.

If a family is aware that their child will be missing 5+ days of school, there is an electronic form that should be completed and signed by the principal. These missed school days then become a “prearranged absence” as opposed to an “unexcused absence”. “Prearranged absence” is not deemed negative on a school transcript.

If a student has 5+ days of unexcused absences, a meeting with the school is required and a plan is formed. If the family does not follow the designated plan, a school attendance officer is sent to the student’s home.

Testing:

- IOWA – completed by some 6th graders; scores should have been received at homes
- WIDA – completed; scores usually do not arrive until the end of the school year and will then be mailed home during the summer
- Naglieri – completed by all 1st graders and some 2nd – 6th graders; scores should arrive sometime in the next month and will then be mailed home
- SOL – begins May 15th

1st Vice President for Programs

Dawn Keene

- Annandale Cooperative Preschool is hosting a presentation by Abuse Prevention Specialist Shari Hammond. This training is free and open to all adults. Learn how to protect your children from sexual abuse. Tuesday, April 3rd, 7-8pm @ Little River United Church of Christ 8410 Little River Turnpike, Annandale VA
- New possible dates for Lego Night are being considered

2nd Vice President for Fundraising/Membership

Terri Radziewski

- Restaurant Night at Elevation Burger was a success. It was very last minute but worked well.
- Spring Fling planning is ongoing
- FCCPTA meeting on March 20th – will be addressing safety at home and at school; a really good panel including Dr. Braband

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

Nominating Committee, consisting of May Shallal, Carrie Wendell and Amber Lindsay, was approved.

VI. Announcements

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

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 10:47am.

