

PTA Maryland Congress of Parents & Teachers, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
Maryvale Elementary School- Media Center
December 6, 2016, 7:00 PM

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President, Sabine Philippe, at 7:05 PM.

Purposes: Monthly meeting. Agenda prepared by President, Sabine Philippe.

Presentation: Guest speakers Sharona Chittum, Maryvale Media Specialist, and Febe, MCPL community outreach coordinator.

Shared Information: There is a new Maryvale website featuring the Cougar News publication, Online Resources, and a new location for families to report a student absence on the home page. Results of the communication survey indicated that a majority of families prefer email communication from the school administration. Each student in Kindergarten through grade 5 will receive a Library Link card that offers an opportunity to use MCPL Online resources. Mrs. Chittum will be talking to each classroom about the MCPL and distributing the library cards to them in 2017. Febe provided information from MCPL: Go Kit (for grade 3-6) and a Voyager Kit (older students), a themed backpack available for a 2 week check out, available from certain libraries. Language resources: Mango and rosetta stone are available on MCPL website and on site at library. Music downloading, streaming music and video instruction for instruments/voice/drawing are available online.

Quorum: Quorum established.

Minutes: Minutes from October 4, 2016 were reviewed and Lisa Stevens moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded and passed.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: The current account balance is \$9932.00. PTA has met its fundraising goals for the fall events (Fall Fling, Silent Auction, Book Fair). Statement was not available at meeting, but will be made available on the PTA website (www.maryvalepta.org).

Advocacy Report: Delon Pinto read an email from Ted Fischer. At last delegate meeting, the item's discussed included: protests to presidential election at an MCPS school, addressed immigration concerns, school year start date to be after Labor Day starting in 2017, school construction discussed, MCCPTA nominations are open.

Special Education Report: Elizabeth Fischer reported. Upcoming events; 12/08/2016 an informational night at Carver. Monday, 12/12/16, Q&A meeting with the director, all are invited.

Fundraising Report: Sabine reported for Rob Gray. He wants to push the Direct Appeal campaign and raise \$9000 this year. He wrote a campaign letter in English, Spanish and French that will be sent home soon. Waiting for final approval. Restaurant nights have not happened yet; hoping to have one in December. Sabine reported that Aissa Sires asked for help on this committee and Nawal Tahri volunteered to help coordinate the upcoming restaurants.

Volunteers Report: Yen Malhotra reported. Currently looking for volunteers to help with health room vision and hearing screenings, Holiday shop, Fun Run and Gift wrapping for teachers. Also looking for someone to copy Rob Gray's Direct Appeal letter and distribute to classes. Fun Run will be on April 21, 2017 need committee volunteers and someone to be main coordinator for sponsorships.

New Business:

- Lisa Stevens suggested the PTA promote compacted math to families so they are aware of this option. There was discussion about the gifted and talented programs in MCPS. It was suggested that the GT program is a topic for future PTA meeting, Joan Vilkinovsky is the GT program chair at MVES.
- Liliana Brown announced her resignation from the PTA weekly bilingual message. Susie Prin offered to work with us to coordinate a Spanish speaking messenger and she will be the English voice/messenger.
- Nafi Roussaud reported that she is ready to schedule a date for the choice study meeting. It will be coordinated on January 10th, 7:00 pm at Maryvale.
- The 5th Grade trip to France will be a topic of discussion at the February meeting.
- Announcements:
 - Movie Night, Friday, December 9, 2016 from 6:00-8:30 PM
 - Next PTA Meeting, February 7, 2017 from 7:00-8:00 PM
 - We need volunteers to help out with our activities. Contact maryvalevolunteers@maryvalePTA.org

Adjourned: General Membership Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Minutes prepared by Jenifer Cushing, Secretary