

PTA Maryland Congress of Parents & Teachers, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
Maryvale Elementary School- Media Center
September 5, 2017, 7:00 PM

Call to Order Meeting called to order by President, Sabine Philippe, at 7:00 PM.

Purposes Read by Sabine Philippe.

Quorum Quorum established.

Agenda:

Principal's Report- Mrs. Prin provided announcements and updates about the new school year.

- At the end of this year, Maryvale will move into a holding school nearby called North Lake. Maryvale will be there for 18 months while a brand new school is built. The new building will co-locate Maryvale ES and the Carl Sandburg Center.
- There is a new report card and grading format this year. Information was distributed and may be viewed at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/grading/report-cards.aspx>.
- Maryvale has 645 students enrolled this year. There are new leadership opportunities for students in addition to being a Safety Patrol: 4th and 5th graders may be a peer buddy with a kindergartner, continuing the ambassador program to help new students enrolling during the year transition to the school, a new Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system.
- Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30 is Back to School night. 2 sessions will be held, an early and a later program that repeats the same information.
- There are new after school club opportunities: beginning languages (Spanish, French, German, and more).

President's Report- PTA Board introductions

Membership Report- Michelle Trueheart presented an ice breaker Bingo game to the attendees. Then she presented an introduction about what the Maryvale PTA is/does, how PTA operates and how members can become involved.

Treasurer Report- Budget presentation and approval- Presented by Liliانا Brown. Lynne Kingsley moved to approve the budget. It was seconded and passed. See www.maryvalepta.org for the approved budget.

New Business:

- First Street Bridge project- slated to be complete in November 2017
- Compacted math- all in English for 4/5 and 5/6 grades. All classes held at Maryvale.
- Homework- Maryvale is a reading only homework school. Children are to read alone or with parents every night with increased time as they grow older.
- Lynne Kingsley- interested in forming a group of families to discuss a continuation of French in HS. Contact Lynne if you are interested. Email available upon request.

Announcements: **Upcoming dates to remember, please mark your calendar!!!!**

- Back-to-School Night, Tuesday, September 12, 2017, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm
- Movie Night, Friday September 29, 2017, from 6:30pm-8pm
- Next PTA MEETING, October 3, 2017, from 7pm-8pm
- Fall Fling, Saturday, October 14, 2017, from 1pm to 5pm (volunteers needed, visit PTA website for more)
- Book Fair: Monday, November 6 to Friday November 10, 2017 (volunteers needed to cover sale, guide children and help select books)

Adjourned: General Membership Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Minutes prepared by Jenifer Cushing, Secretary