

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

**Call to Order** Meeting called to order by Communications Chair, Delon Pinto, at 7:10 PM.

**Purposes** Read by Delon Pinto. Agenda created by President, Sabine Philippe.

**Quorum** Quorum established.

**Agenda:**

**President's Report** Sabine Philippe was not present.

**Principal's Report** M. Susie Prin reported.

- Announcements:
  - Currently hiring a full time Headstart paraeducator and two part-time CAPP paraeducators.
  - All 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students and older students new to the county just completed INVIEW testing to identify gifted and talented students.
  - Maryvale Construction meetings have been conducted to discuss a redesign of the media center in order to accommodate the diverse collections at Maryvale. Sharona Chittum and Carl Sandburg's Media specialist have been working with her and the construction team.
    - Construction team is also working on a new design for the entrance to Maryvale. New design would provide more curb appeal and invite the best image for Maryvale.
- myMCPS Parent Portal.
  - This is now available for elementary parents. Has been available for Middle and High school students. Maryvale families have access currently, but it is not being used widespread by our teachers right now. By summer, all MCPS teachers will have access and training on using the portal for assignments, including Maryvale teachers.
  - Each child received a portal access code in October on a handout. Ask M. Susie Prin for your child's access code if you want it again to create your account.
    - Current information accessible on the portal: student emergency contact info, attendance data, how much money is in their lunch account, what is the lunch menu, report card grades (no standardized test scores). Can link all children in one family together through the site.
    - In the future: site will contain classroom assignments, classroom resources.
  - For more information: go to MCPS website and search Parent Portal

**Guest Speaker** Sharona Chittum presented.

- MCSP has launched a new "digital citizenship education program".
  - The program has many resources and provides information supported by a partnership with Common Sense Education.
  - The program teaches the practice of being safe, smart and ethical while online. Including privacy, cyberbullying, internet safety and other digital dilemmas.
  - Over next 3 years, it will be integrated into the grade school level.
  - For more information: Go to the Maryvale ES website> "Digital Citizenship" link at bottom left screen> Scroll down to "For Parents" section
    - Useful Link "Common Sense Media Website"- provides reviews of apps, technology, movies and shows that kids want.
- Microsoft Office Suite: home use/free download available to MCPS staff and students
- Online resources: a trifold handout that contains all username and passwords for Maryvale families.
  - Access links to online resources: Maryvale ES website> Media Center> Online Resources
  - Capstone interactive books- new to our families this year
- E-Books: Maryvale website>Media Center>Destiny Library Catalog.
  - Login with username and password used in school. Don't need to download the e-books, but can if they want to be able to read content without an internet connection.

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**Minutes**            Added the amount of \$5105.65 to treasurer report line. Michelle Trueheart moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded and passed.

**Treasurer Report**        Liliana Brown reported the current account balance as of Oct 31<sup>st</sup> is \$13064.37.

**Programs and Events Report**

- Book Fair- Cindy Jacobs reported. \$15628.00 total sales from about \$9500 Scholastic sales, \$5700 Bonjour Mama sales, and \$382 used books profit. Over \$1000 was given to the Media Center to purchase new books for our collections.

**Communications**        Delon Pinto reported.

- Continuous updates to PTA website are being made to be more informative to families.

**New Business**

- Liliana Brown made an announcement that we will host a “Goodbye Maryvale Carnival” June 9<sup>th</sup> 2018
  - Seeking a coordinator for the event. Let us know if you or someone you know are interested. Event details are open to your. The first planning meeting would be in January.
- Patrick Schoof gave a project idea: Make arrangements with construction company to reserve as many bricks as possible from demolition of Maryvale. Reach out to existing parents and alumni to buy a brick to create a structure at the new school. Goal is to create a structure memory of the old school that is fully funded by the buy a brick fundraiser. Patrick Schoof will lead this endeavor. Consider etching each brick if cost is reasonable or consider a plaque with everyone’s name on it at the structure.

**Upcoming Events**

- Holiday Shoppe is here!!! (12/12-12/14)—volunteers needed. Use signup genius to see all time slots.
- Movie Night (12/15), from 6:30-8:30pm (snacks available for purchase)

**Adjourned:** General Membership Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.