

**PTA Maryland Congress of Parents & Teachers, Inc.**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Maryvale Elementary School- Media Center**  
**February 6, 2018, 7:00 PM**

**Call to Order** Meeting called to order by President, Sabine Philippe, at 7:10 PM.

**Purposes** Agenda created and read by Sabine Philippe.

**Quorum** Quorum established.

**Agenda:**

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

- Maryvale students were recently surveyed about what they like about school and what improvements they want to see at school. The results indicated that students believe "Teachers do a great job" and they are "Comfortable going to their teachers for help and support". Students wanted to see more focus on "Students being kind to each other". From these results, the Maryvale administration developed the kindness program and they plan to survey the students again after the events to measure any progress. The program encourages students to show daily acts of kindness at home and to people other than their friends. The school is participating in the national kindness challenge week. Kindness is being taught in the classroom in addition to soft competitions using "cougar rewards" incentives.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Report cards went home yesterday.
- Third graders are currently being testing for the highly gifted program whereby the results will be evaluated by the county and then mailed home in February 2018.

**Minutes** Melissa Pratt-Zossoungbo moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded and passed.

**Treasurer Report** Liliana Brown reported the account balance is \$19242.81 as of December 31<sup>st</sup>.

- The account is on track with our budget with regard to income in the Fall and upcoming spring expenses.

**Communications** Bryan Price provided a report from the delegate meeting.

- There was discussion about capital improvement projects at the High School level. An ongoing investigation is being conducted on the person that was charged with fraud last year.

**New Business**

- Call for Volunteers for the PTA Nominations Committee. Looking for 3 individuals to actively seek nominees for the PTA Executive Board. We have 3 executive board members that will complete their 2-year term this year: President, Treasurer and Secretary. Contact us at [board@maryvalepta.org](mailto:board@maryvalepta.org) if interested in being on the committee or to make a nomination.

**Upcoming Events**

- Movie Night- February 23 from 6:30-8:30
  - Pizza and snacks available for donation. Movie title to be announced on flier.
- International Night- March 14 from 6:30-8:00
  - Represent your family's country of origin by hosting a table at this event. A flier will be sent home soon with more information.
- Maryvale Farewell Carnival- June 9, 2018
  - We will bid farewell to the current Maryvale school structure with a celebration and fundraiser. The PTA is collecting ideas for the event. Suggestions expressed at the meeting: Painting the hallways, a foam/bubble dance party. Email your ideas to [board@maryvalepta.org](mailto:board@maryvalepta.org). Those interested in being on the Carnival committee should also contact the PTA.
  - Patrick Schoof is leading a "buy a brick" fundraising endeavor. The bricks saved from the demolition will be used to construct a structure at the new school. Contact the PTA if you would like to volunteer with this fundraiser project.

**Adjourned:** General Membership Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Minutes prepared by Jenifer Cushing, Secretary.