

September General Meeting

Welcome

- Introductions – Stephen Hendrickson – President
- Goal – A presenter for each meeting

Principal's update – Susie Prin

- Thank you for coming and for you partnership
- Made changes to how recess and lunch work
- Process is smoother now
- Looking to higher para educators
- HR – Ms. Defino – new French teacher starts next week
 - New house bill 486 – additional layer: verify every employer in past for no allegation of misconduct
- New curriculum of English – Literacy resource benchmark
 - More information at back to school night
 - French still using 2.0
- Building update
 - Due to be ready in the spring
 - Move in summer
 - Transportation and safety will change
 - Will host events there in spring

New Vice President

- Gbenga will be new Vice president

Finance Update

- Getting Audit Prepared
- Budget Committee
- Officer's Training
- Set up new bank account and accounting system
- New Budget for this year: 6k in account
- New System in place for requesting program support
- Use PTA as a platform to provide amenities for the School
 - Online form for requests
 - Transparent
 - Accountable
 - Way to raise more money

Communications

- Ways to communicate with parents

- Website
- Weekly Email
 - Can signup through website
- Facebook Page
 - Link on website
- Open to Suggestions
- Kindergarten FAQs
- Promotion FAQs
- Events Calendar: Google Calendar

Membership

- Hosted Staff appreciation: 46 teachers
- 61 families
- As comparison 180(57 teachers)
- Forms going home in the children's backpack

Volunteer

- Sign up on website
- Budget Committee
- Book fair co-lead
- Restaurant night coordinator
- Spirit Wear Coordinator

After school

- Long list of vendors
- Beginning early October
- Flyers coming home this week
- Space limitations
- In class activities (art, stem, education)
- Open to new ideas

Fundraising

- No current chair
- National PTA – applying for Grants
- Matching grants
- Donate Button on Facebook page (Facebook doesn't take a cut)
- Open to ideas

Other Business

- VP
 - Presentation on Safety at School
 - History of School in the Community
 - Positive and proactive in the community

- Effort to create a cohesive relationship with community
- Parking continues to be an issue

Presentation – Melissa Rivera Pabon MCPS Hispanic/Latino Comm. Director

- Increasing Latinx participation in the PTA
- Work with the local communities to increase families
- Messages in sent out in different languages
- Videos will help
- Possible meetings to increase outreach
- Space will be a challenge
- A Latino event is possible
- This will help display different views on what is needed for the children
- Thinking outside of the box to get people more involved
- Schools that did this well: Summit hall – Flyers at Carpool – One on one contact
- ESOL parent event/coordinator for outreach

Next meeting: October 1

Movie Night: Friday October 11