

Summary of Proposed Changes to Maryvale PTA Bylaws as of May 17, 2020

The suggested changes are underlined below for easy reference:

Article 6, Section 2c

Change: “A majority vote shall be required for election”

To: “A majority of those who cast a vote shall be required for election”.

Rationale: To define which majority more clearly

Article 6, Section 2d

Change: “Officers shall assume their official duties the first day of the fiscal year and shall serve for a term of 1 year(s) or until their successors assume their official duties”

To: “The president and treasurer shall assume their official duties the first day of the fiscal year and shall serve for a term of 2 year(s) or until their successors assume their official duties. The start dates of the president and treasurer’s terms shall be staggered in alternate years (President term will start in odd years, while Treasurers will start in even years). All other officers shall assume their official duties the first day of the fiscal year and shall serve for a term of 1 year(s) or until their successors assumed their official duties.”

Rationale: To allow the president and treasurer to share experiences during transitions and provide overlap and continuity in the functions of the PTA executive committee.

Article VI, Section 4

Change: “Upon acceptance of a letter of resignation from any officer, notice shall be given to the general membership of the vacancy within fifteen days.

To: “Upon acceptance of a letter of resignation from any officer by the president, notice shall be given by the president to the general membership of the vacancy within fifteen days.”

Rationale: To specify more clearly who receives notices of resignation and whose responsibility it is to inform the PTA general membership.

Article VIII, Section 5

Change: “Regular meetings of the board of directors shall be held during the year, the time to be fixed by the board of directors at its first meeting of the fiscal year.”

To: Modify first sentence to “Regular meetings of the board of directors shall be held 6 times per year, the time to be fixed by the board of directors at its first meeting of the fiscal year.”

Rationale: To provide a more specific number of times the Board of Directors should meet to carry out its functions.

Article VIII, Section 5

Insert: '7' in the blank space referring to how many days' notice is needed to be given for special meetings of the board.

Statement will read: Special meetings of the board of directors may be called by the president or by a majority of the members of the board, 7 days' notice having been given.

Rationale: One week's notice was felt to be sufficient notice for special meetings.

Article IX, Section 2

Change: Meetings of the executive committee shall be held as needed

To: "Meetings of the executive committee shall be held 3 times per year."

Rationale: Since all members of the executive committee are also on the board of directors, they are already meeting when the board of directors meet (6 times per year as suggested above). We suggest that as long as the executive committee meets three times per year, that would suffice for its functions.