

MINUTES - DRAFT
General PTA Membership Meeting
7:00 P.M. October 9, 2014
Mantua Elementary School

I. Call Meeting to Order - 7:06 P.M.

Julie Middleton

Attendees: Nicole Willis, Lisa Libby, Padma Pala, Christin Nolan, Teresa Willebeek-LeMair, David Willebeek-LeMair, Julie Middleton, Jan-Marie Fernandez, Amy Alley, Nick Rousos, Monika Brenner, Janet Sottolano. Sonya Breekey, Liana Micarda-Valido, Gina Kapadia, Sarah El-Zoghbi, Karen Cheng, Sara Werth

II. Adoption of September 2014 Minutes – it was moved and carried to approve the September minutes as written.

III. Reports

• President's Report

Julie Middleton

- Thank you to staff, administration, and volunteers for helping to make Boosterthon so successful this year
- At this meeting, we are going to vote to start Wish Fund Program this year for the first time ever
- We have a guest speaker this evening to talk about Safe Routes to School Program

• Treasurer's Report

Nicole Willis

- Ice Cream Social was first fundraiser, made over \$2,200 profit
- Over \$1,700 collected so far in donations (scripts, donations through paychecks, donations through membership drive/personal donations)
- Boosterthon – over \$37,000 profit, still collecting money
- Membership Dues – over \$5,500 collected so far
- Teachers' Fund – welcome checks for teachers, instructional aides and specialists have gone out
- Custodian Appreciation Week coming up – custodians will receive thank you checks during that week.

• Principals' Report

Jan-Marie Fernandez,
Amy Alley, Nick Rousos

Mrs. Fernandez

- September was very busy - 3rd grade field trip to Hidden Pond, Boosterthon,

Flippin' Pizza evening, Woodson feeder night (football game), Back To School Nights with new format

- Oct. 13 – Columbus Day, no school
- Oct. 15 - Picture Day
- Oct 14-24 – COGATs for 2nd graders
- Oct 16 – 4th Grade to Jamestown
- Oct 21-23 – Planetarium
- Oct 24 – Pokemon and Card Games Family Night
- Oct 29 - 6th grade trip
- Oct 31 – Spirit Parade, 9:30-10:15 am (held at hill near Kiss and Ride)
- Nov 3&4 - No school, Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov 6-7 – 5th Grade Overnight Trip
- Nov 12 – Picture Retakes
- Nov 13-21 – Book Fair
- Distance Learning Center is very powerful tool now, learning/starting to use, thank you to PTA for helping to finance this, green screen has pictures that are constantly changing and create a news-type format, only other place in the area that has this technology is PBS station in Arlington
- Mr. Tri Pham, day custodian, retiring, last day Oct. 17th

Ms. Alley

- COGATs – 2nd graders and students that have not yet taken or elected to have retake, will take test next week Wed-Fri; untimed test; pictures scheduled after testing on Wednesday. 4th and 5th grades will take following week (Mon-Wed) because of field trips. Counselors and AAP teacher monitor testing. If any day is missed, they can make up within the window of Oct. 14-25. Verbal, non-verbal and quantitative pieces, composite score based on three pieces.
- Naglieri – Cognitive Abilities Assessment for 1st graders, 1-day test, no reading necessary
- AAP is looking at scores of both/either test
- Will have an information meeting for parents with Resource Teacher and Principal about testing and AAP
- Timeline (very tight timeline) for AAP and process is spelled out on FCPS website, information will be sent home and shared with parents at meeting

Mrs. Sottolano

- SCA Food Drive will begin mid-October, food delivered Monday before Thanksgiving, partnering with Kids Care Club this year; Pizza party to classes with largest collection, more information to come in Tuesday folders
- Red Ribbon Week around Thanksgiving – promotes drug-free lives
- If you know of family in Mantua that could use some groceries, please let Mrs.

Fernandez know and we (we usually send 3,000-4,000 pounds of food to local food bank) will share some groceries

- Actively Caring – green bands – this year there will be a specific theme each month, matched with Boyer core virtues – this month of October is self-efficacy, if your child comes home with green band this month, it means he/she has demonstrated this core virtue.

- 1st Vice President for Programs

Lisa Libby, Ellen Lemieux

- Thanks chairs for wonderful launch to program year. All programs have/are starting in October
- Deadlines on back of Agenda – Basketball for grades 3-6 deadline is Oct. 12, Reflections Art Program deadline is Oct. 30th, Kids Care Club meeting Oct. 30th (can still sign up, first come first serve, \$5/family), Academic Competitions deadline is Nov. 1st

- 2nd Vice President for Fundraising/Membership

Meri Farling

- Flippin' Pizza – made \$685.86, next restaurant night is on Dec. 10th at Noodles & Company (Fairfax)
- Spirit Wear sale ends this Friday, October 10th, will be delivered around Nov. 14th
- Yearbook – have already reached about 20% of projected sales for the year, after Oct. 19th the price goes up by \$5, another increase after the New Year.
- Oct. 21 – first Yearbook Club meeting
- Box Tops – competition through Oct. 24th
- Christin Nolan reported that we have about 367 members so far, about 50% of our population, still accepting memberships online
- Monika Brenner, deadline for ads is Oct. 17th to be a part of the auction for the premium pages; PTA members receive one directory; info comes from combination of Member Planet and school; changes to information can be made online by Oct. 15
- Member Planet handles club signups, membership sign-ups, and stores a robust data list of Mantua Families for the PTA
- Superlatives (blurb in directory) available for Friends of Rocky

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

- Wish Fund Program – motion made and carried and approved to open the Wish Fund Application Period. Due date for Wish Fund Proposals is noon on Friday, October 31st.

Applications can be found online on the PTA site, and hard copies also will be delivered to staff mailboxes on Tuesday.

- Sally Smallwood, Fairfax County Public Schools' Safe Routes to School Program Coordinator - Overview of program and ideas for Mantua (Education and Encouragement)

Advantages of riding the bus to school or walking:

Less pollution, every bus takes 36 cars off road, safest way to school is by bus (over cars)

Ideas for ways to encourage riding the bus, carpooling, or walking:

Punch cards, counselor lessons, stickers, rewards

VI. Announcements - Check out www.mantuapta.org for more information on these and other events: 10/10 Deadline for Ordering Spirit Wear

10/12 Deadline for Basketball Registration

10/13 School Closed – Columbus Day Holiday

10/15 Deadline to submit Student & Parent Form

10/15 School Picture Day

10/19 Yearbook Presale Deadline

10/20-24 Custodian Appreciation Week

10/24 Box Tops Contest Ends

10/24 PTA Family Fun: Pokemon and Cards & Games Night

10/31 Fall Spirit Parade 9:30 am

10/31 End First Quarter, 2-Hour Early Release

11/1 Deadline for Academic Competitions Registration

11/3&11/4 School Closed – Parent-Teacher Conferences

11/6-7 Fifth Grade Overnight Field Trip

11/12 School Picture Makeup Day

11/13-11/21 PTA Book Fair

11/14 PTA Monthly Meeting, 9:30 am, Cafeteria

VII. Adjournment - 8:19 P.M.