

MINUTES
2021-2022 PTA Meeting
Friday, May 6th, 2022 @ 9:30am
Mantua Cafeteria

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:37am by Kristina Clarke

II. President Report: Kristina Clarke

- We had a great Teacher Appreciation week and luncheon. Thanks to Heather Muety for helping to organize everything.
- Next week is Cafeteria Staff Appreciation week.
- PTA is gearing up for the new board transition.

Parent Question : Do we combine everything into one appreciation week for all staff for next year?

Ms.Shannon Yes, I think that is a good idea to simplify things. Still recognize teachers/staff on National Day, but have one week of PTA recognition.

Meeting Minutes from February's PTA Meeting : Motion to approve at 9:38am

III. Treasurer's Report: Sophany Setliff

- Passed around copies of the budget.
- Drama and raccoon runners have some revenue added.
- The Hospitality Budget was used for Teacher Appreciation Week.
- If you have any other questions please ask.

Kristina Clarke: Proposed PTA Budget Changes.

- There has been extra income this year with the addition of the Read-A-Thon Fundraiser.
- Looking for approval to allocate the extra money to areas or for things the school might need.
- Proposal 1: \$500
 - Used to buy a new square to take payments for PTA use
 - Used to buy supplies/storage materials for the PTA closet
 - New sandwich boards to post signage outside of the school
- Would like to increase Community Fund to \$5000
 - Would like to create a new event in lieu of hosting the Spring Fling. This would be an outdoor food truck/movie night type event for the community.
- Any suggestions for the remaining \$3500?
 - Jenn Ros suggested maybe adding a little to some of the existing budgets since costs have gone up for everyone. An equal percentage bump across the board.
 - Ms. Shannon said the school might be able to use the fund for new decoding books for the new literacy program.
 - Was mentioned to purchase plaques or labels to put on items the PTA sponsors as the school.
- Budget changes: Moved to approve by Gretchen West at 10:02am.
- 2nd: Jenn Ros

IV. Principal's Reports: Linda Shannon

- Any questions about our new Covid Protocols? The email with the changes went out this week.
- Strings Concert might be held outdoors.
- Thank you for Appreciation Week! It was amazing!
- Raccoon Run is tomorrow. Drama performance is coming up, and the Grad walk is on 5/27 at 2:30pm.
- SOLs are happening right now.
- Looking at staffing for next year. Unfortunately our enrollment is not as high as previous years, so some teachers will need to be de-staffed, and some teachers might have to move grades to accommodate the number of students in each grade.
- Adding the position of an Instructional Coach for next year which will be a great addition, and really benefit the students.
- Will most likely lose (1) Assistant Principal for next year due to cutting staff.
- I will be sending out a form for Parents to fill out about their students in order to find best classroom fits, but there will be no "by name" teacher requests as there have been in years past.

Parent Question : How will this affect class sizes?

Ms. Shannon: It won't. The number of classes will stay the same. Just lower enrollment numbers. Will add staff if enrollment goes up.

Parent Question: I noticed there was no advanced math for 3rd grade this year, will that happen next year?

Ms. Shannon: That is a Mantua Program, and I can't speak to why they did away with that. As we move forward, we will need to look at the county wide practices. We are hoping to model with 4th grade teachers. Instead of pulling kids out, the teachers are able to pull groups based on weekly math skills for enrichment or reinforcement.

V. VP of Programs: Jenn Ros

- Drama is in full gear preparing the spring musical. Concessions will be outside.
- Raccoon Runners: Many kids will participate in tomorrow's run in memory of Roberta Romano. Raccoon Runner's meeting was canceled today due to weather, and health precautions. They have one more week after the race to finish the Spring season.
- Most other programs have been wrapping up for the year.

Parent Question: 6th grades have Math SOL Friday. This is during Tech Week, and many students are in the Musical. Some parents are worried about this.

Ms. Shannon: We missed that this year. Talk to Drama to see if they can leave early on Thursday?

VI. VP of Fundraising : Gretchen West

- Read-a-Thon was a huge success. $\frac{1}{3}$ of the students participated, but hoping for more in the future. 157,000 minutes read. We are wrapping up prizes and raffle prizes, class parties etc. We raised \$35,000!!! We also had great feedback from parents.
- Doing EduKits this year, and those are ready for parents to order online.

XII. Announcements

New Board for Next Year:

President: Emily Mosso

VP of Programs: Laura Saal
VP of Fundraising: Alex Piquet
Treasurer: Sophany Setliff
Secretary: Jody Agnew

Check out Mantuapta.org, and weekly newsletter for more information on things happening at Mantua Elementary.

Meeting is adjourned at 10:35am.