

PTA Board Meeting Notes

June 1, 2011

Mantua Elementary School

The president called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Present at the meeting were:

Executive Board: Nicole Armstrong, Lori Recher, Sandy Spector, Lori Prendegast, Teresa LeMair

School Representatives: Cheryl Thompson, Tina Tingler

General Membership: Shannon Murphy, Jennifer Epley, Monica Cameron, Margaret Scheele, Kathleen DeCarlo, Lesley Kowalski, Lisa Dreyfus

The minutes from the May meeting were reviewed and approved.

President's Report: Nicole gave an update on the boundary studies. There was a recent email about Fairhill - it has not been formally announced to anyone (including administration), but it seems likely that the adjustment will be made. The first group of 25 kids will come from Pine Ridge, and the following year from Chesterfield Mews. There may be some kind of grandfather clause to allow families currently at Fairhill to remain. The effected areas are not new to the Woodson pyramid, just new to Mantua. It actually cleans up our (Mantua's) boundaries.

Annandale Boundary Study - There are 4 options currently being discussed. In all 4, Mantua has slipped under the radar. The tweak to Fairhill helps us with the Annandale boundary issues as well.

Our max capacity at Mantua is unclear. We've had up to 920. They will make a pod a classroom if necessary. Currently we are at 880 students. Cheryl says we are accepting of all - "come on already" 😊 We would take students from Chesterfield next year (one year early) if approached by the parents.

There was a discussion on safety guidelines for PTA sponsored activities held at the school, prior to the regular PTA meeting. Discussions included ways to get parents vested in their child's behavior. We will come up with basic guidelines and give to group leaders as a tool to use, and we'll be asking Jan-Marie and Cheryl to weigh in before finalizing.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy reminded everyone to turn in reimbursements since she needs to close the books for June 30th. Our Net Income is \$31000 as of right now. She is still expecting a check from the yearbooks. We may be contributing more to the 6th grade party if needed.

Mantua is on rotation for gym floor repairs for 2012 (summer), so funds will not be needed for that.

Principals' Report: Jan-Marie was unable to come to the meeting tonight as she is at the Board Meeting where Teresa McConnell is being recognized. Kindergarten Orientation, Advanced Academics Orientation, Secretary Luncheon, Teacher Appreciation Week and the Raccoon Run were all held and were very successful. The teacher sponsored Volunteer Appreciation Speaker event is tomorrow night.

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing preschool program will be at Camelot as of next year. This is phase 1. By Fall 2013, all elementary age programs will be combined. We do not know the school the program is moving to, but we do know it is not Mantua. The program will be out of Mantua within 2 years. Jan Pry and Sandy Carter will be going to Camelot in the fall.

SOL Testing is just about over. The online testing is going extremely well. Results letters will come out in July, and come directly from the County. The results have enabled the staff to start putting plans into place for summer support, as well as fall placement. The children have been pretty comfortable with the online aspect of the testing.

Field Days are coming up next week. We are hoping for no red alert heat index days. The kids were kept in yesterday due to the heat index. There is an Author Visit with Darren Sardelli, June 7-8. SCA Installation will be on June 13th. June 15th is the 6th grade musical. June 16th - 3rd grade Ancient Cultures. June 17 - 6th Grade Science Expo, as well as the Patrol/GMM Picnic. June 20th the 6th grade Awards Assembly and Graduation will be held (till 11:30). The party is scheduled from 1-4. Last day of classes is June 21, and school is over at 11:30.

Mantua's 50th Anniversary Celebration will be in the Fall. Cheryl is thinking about having a Fall Festival similar to the Spring Carnival. We could potentially make money for the school. Many ideas were thrown up for discussion, and it was decided to form a committee to meet over the summer. Target date of Oct 15th was selected for the Anniversary Celebration. Monica moved to set up a subcommittee for the Homecoming and to encumber \$10,000. Motion was approved.

Possible staffing changes were discussed. The administration is still in the beginning stages of all of that. There will only be 3 kindergartens next year. Staffing changes can potentially be right down to the beginning of classes.

Report of First Vice-President for Community Outreach:

Kids Care Club will be having the End of Year Food Drive. They will also be cleaning out the Lost and Found and donating the contents.

Report of Second Vice-President for Membership and Fundraising:

Final Membership is about the same as last year. About half of all Mantua families have joined.

Report of the Volunteer Coordinator:

End of the year parties are being scheduled. Field Day is coming next week. Some classes are really hurting for FD volunteers and Teresa is down to harassing parents. Would need to have at least one person per class

per session.

Old Business:

Election: Slate for the 2011/2012 PTA is:

President: Lesley Kowalski

First Vice President of Community Outreach: Lori Prendergast

Second Co-Vice Presidents for Membership and Fundraising: Shannon Murphy and Jennifer Epley

Treasurer: Sandy Spector

Secretary: Lori Recher

There were no nominations from the floor. The Slate was elected as stands.

New Business: Shannon moved to form an adhoc committee to investigate getting a shade structure to be located outside of the SACC rooms. Shannon will co chair with Monica Cameron.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22.