

MINUTES - DRAFT
General PTA Membership Meeting
9:30 A.M. November 14, 2014
Mantua Elementary School

I. Call Meeting to Order 9:39 A.M.

Julie Middleton

Attendees: Julie Middleton, Teresa Willebeek-LeMair, Nicole Willis, Jennifer MacFayden, Lauren Brennan, Jackie Cranford, Rachel Lima, Heather Hill, Irfan Hussain, Lisa Libby, Tre Krupnick, Amy Halstead, Jan Marie Fernandez, Amy Alley, Nick Rousos, David Willebeek-LeMair

II. Adoption of October 2014 Minutes – motion made and carried to adopt the minutes as written.

III. Reports

[President's Report

Julie Middleton

[Will talk about Wish Fund Program later today. Allows us to have a process for spending PTA funds, to spend money in the year we raise it, to have people understand what the needs in the school, community, etc. are. We rose close to \$40K with our Boosterthon fundraiser, are spending some of that money now.

[Treasurer's Report

Nicole Willis

Fundraisers

- [We are expected to receive a check from the Box Tops collection in December for a little over \$1700.00 (\$1,763.40)
- [We have received just over \$2600.00 in donations (\$2,686.72)
- [The Boosterthon Fall Fundraiser donations continue to trickle in. We currently have a profit of a little over \$39K (\$39,089.26)
- [We have collected \$3,495.00 in checks/cash for Spirit Wear; and MemberPlanet shows \$1,155.00 in sales online for a total of \$4,650; however, expenses have not yet been incurred
- [Our Escript income to date is just over \$320.00 (\$321.12)
- [The Printer Cartridge recycling program has given us \$37.75
- [The Flippin Pizza restaurant night final total brought in was \$685.86

- [The “Friends of Rocky Business Sponsorships” for the directory – we have collected \$150.00 in checks and MemberPlanet shows \$2,150 in sales so far – for a total of \$2,300
- [The yearbook sales have already brought in \$441.00 in cash and checks – nearly all the sales were for this year’s yearbooks!

Member Dues

- [\$5,688.28 = total dues collected from checks/cash/& Member Planet

Programs & Events Income

- [After School Programs and Basketball registration fees have been collected. Some expenses have been incurred for purchasing supplies for the Basketball program
- [The Library already is off to a good start by collecting \$697.55 (less expenses) from the Book Fair’s pre-sale orders for Diary of a Wimpy Kid.
- [Drama Club has brought in \$4,262.00 (less expenses) and will have their performances next week, so ticket sales will then be included
- [Raccoon Runners has brought in \$3,730.00 (less expenses)

Hospitality & Appreciation Expenses

- [\$390.00 was used to write checks for Custodian Appreciation week

Principals’ Report

Jan-Marie Fernandez,
Amy Alley, Nick Rousos

- [Since our last PTA meeting, we have been busy:
 - 4th graders went to Jamestown
 - 5th graders went on an Overnight Field Trip to Camp Highroads, many thanks to our parent chaperones!
 - 6th graders went to American Indian Museum
 - Oct 31 was our Spirit Parade
 - In the beginning of November, end of first quarter parent conferences were held
 - 8-hour class attended by a number of the staff members – youth mental health first aid. Mantua first school to move forward with this training, discusses all of the mental health issues, signs, how to intervene, etc.
- [The administration and some of the members of Mantua's Steering Committee met with our Asst. Supt., Dr. Ivey and Executive Principal, Becky Baenig to review our School Improvement Plan
 - 3 areas of focus:
 - all children reading at or above grade level (special focus on children that are not on grade level for reading),
 - all children doing math at or above grade level (special focus on children that are not on grade level for math),

- Portrait of a Graduate (development of critical thinking and problem solving skills, academic conversations – already being done at Mantua in 6th grade, trying to move down the grade levels)

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┌ Parent information meeting for AAP today, 2:45 to 3:45 pm

┌ Book Fair starts today, through November 21st

┌ Wed 19 – Thanksgiving Luncheon for K-3

┌ Thurs 20 – Thanksgiving Luncheon for 4-6

┌ Nov 21 and 22 - Drama Performance, Wizard of Oz

┌ Nov 26 – 2 hour early release

┌ Dec 2 – 6 to 7 PM Human Growth and Development Preview for 5th and 6th grades, opt outs due before lessons begin, can opt out for specific sessions if wanted. Curriculum basically the same, with the exception of emotional and social session for 6th graders.

Dec 12 – Human Growth and Development begins (December 12, 15, 16, 17, 18)

┌ Dec 15 – Winter Choral Concert

┌ Dec 15 - 2 hour Release, Sing-along

Ms. Alley

┌ COGATs completed, given to all 2nd graders and select students 3-6th, anticipate results in Jan/Feb

┌ Naglieri coming, non-verbal cognitive abilities test given to all 1st graders. Will be doing online test in March for 1st graders. 2nd through 6th graders who need this test will take it next week. Will choose this test for students that are not 100% in language

┌ In December 6th graders in advanced math class (Malc and gen ed advanced) will receive a letter home if they will take IAAT (Iowa) test in early January. The IAAT is given to see where students place in middle school math (option to take Algebra).

┌ January – WIDA ACCESS for ELLs® will be administered, federally mandated assessment for ESOL students

Mr. Rousos

┌ New Kiss and Ride procedure for inclement weather (this was tried during heavy rain a couple of weeks ago). Families will receive nameplates in the next few weeks as they go through Kiss and Ride; please add first and last name to that. In the future, as you go through Kiss and Ride, please put nameplate on dash and the adults at Kiss and Ride will call into the school with walkie talkie to have your students(s) sent out.

[1st Vice President for Programs

Lisa Libby, Ellen Lemieux

- [All programs going well – clubs, enrichment classes, etc.
- [Yearbook club needs your photos, info on PTA website on where to send photos
- [Raccoon Runners doing Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning, everyone welcome
- [Drama Club performances are Friday 7 pm, Saturday 2 pm - \$8 adults, \$5 children, 2 and under are free, there will be a performance at school on Monday for the kids
- [Winter Enrichment Registration begins December 8th, 8:00 AM. Info about classes and how to register is on Mantua PTA website (Students, Enrichment).
- [Book Fair is happening, runs all next week
- [Kids Care Club needs help raking leaves for seniors in community - Saturday Nov. 22 8 am to Noon
- [Parent Education – Resiliency Seminar held Oct. 22nd by counselors, another one will be held in new year, the PowerPoint presentation from that will be available on website soon.
- [Reflections submission are in – certificates will come in next week
- [Talent Show coming February 21, 2015, online submissions due in January, start getting ready now!

[2nd Vice President for Fundraising/Membership

Meri Farling

- [Book Fair proceeds go to the library, to buy books and electronic books
- [Membership – 3 new members
- [Directory – going to press soon, all ads are in, revenue is good and costs are covered
- [Yearbook – we've met 30% of our goal, email blitz is about to start, and yearbook club is good.
- [Barnes and Noble Fundraiser December 4-10
- [5-Below Fundraiser December 4-10

IV. Old Business

[Wish Fund Program

- Allows staff, parents, etc. to bring needs and/or new ideas forward with fully vetted proposals. May allow someone to demonstrate his/her passion.
 - Allows PTA committee, and then full membership, to give input and decide how PTA monies will be spent.
 - Allows us to fund things that may not be funded otherwise.
 - Allows us to see where we might be interested in applying for grants from outside sources.
- [Motion was made, carried and approved to fund the Wish Fund Applications as proposed by the committee (see attached).

[Thank you to committee members Sandy Spector, Julie Middleton, Kathy Phillips, Lori Recher, Jennifer MacFayden, and Vanessa Hall.

V. New Business – Lost and Found – There are over 200 items in the lost and found, please have your students check, or stop by yourself, to see if any of them are yours. In addition, labeling with names is helpful as items are more likely to be returned to you. Thank you to Joanne Genoble for organizing the lost and found.

VI. Announcements- Check out www.mantuapta.org for more information on these and other events (see back):

November 14: AAP Information Meeting, 2:45-3:30 p.m.

November 14-21: Book Fair

November 19: Thanksgiving Luncheon Grades K-3

November 20: Thanksgiving Luncheon Grades 4-6

November 21-24: Drama Club Productions

November 26: 2-Hour Early Release (1:50 PM)

November 27-28: No School, Thanksgiving Break

December 10: Restaurant Night

December 15: Winter Choral Concert

December 19: Winter Sing-A-Long

December 19: 2-Hour Early Release (1:50 PM)

December 22-January 2: No School, Winter Vacation

January 9: PTA Meeting, 9:30 AM, Cafeteria

VII. Adjournment - 10:40 A.M.