

MINUTES – Approved 1/8/2016
General PTA Membership Meeting
November 13, 2015, 9:30am
Mantua Elementary School

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:37am by Julie Middleton

Executive Board and Membership Attendees: Julie Middleton, Lisa Libby, Chanda McCarthy, Kristina Clarke, Jennifer McFadyen, Sam Leiber, Jenn Ros, Courtney Allen, Tara Kelly, Kathy Phillips, Rachel Lima, Megan Burski Wells, Rachel Fleming

Administration and School Representatives: Amy Alley, Nick Rousos

II. Adoption of October 2015 Minutes – A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes as written.

III. Reports

-President's Report

Julie Middleton

- Julie welcomed all attendees to the meeting
- The Wish Fund Committee's recommendations were presented by Jennifer McFadyen, Wish Fund Chair. The Wish Fund Committee extended the due date by 2 days and received 9 total proposals. Of those proposals, the committee recommends one be rejected, two be modified and all others funded in full. Review of proposal details included in the attached matrix. The proposals were first reviewed by Jan Marie Fernandez, Nick Rousos, Jennifer McFadyen and Julie Middleton and then discussed amongst the Wish Fund Committee members. Of the proposals, two were discussed further: The garden hose project, requested to bring a convenient and safe water source to the courtyard, is waiting for an estimate from FCPS so the final amount awarded is undetermined. Kathy Philips expressed concern about the Garden Club moving forward when the sponsoring staff member is no longer at Mantua. It was reassured that the program will be implemented so that it can be easily used by staff and that there is other interested staff members to continue the program. Motion to adopt the Wish Fund Committee's recommendations as presented was made and approved. No opposed. Thank you to the Jennifer, Julie and the committee members (Yanling Liu, Ariadna Santos, Jennifer Ros and Kati Hesfort) for their time and effort.

-Treasurer's Report

Nicole Willis (given by Julie Middleton)

Fundraisers:

- We have received sponsorship donations for ads to go in the PTA directory, totaling \$1625.00
- Dickey's BBQ wrote us a check for the Restaurant Night in the amount of \$350 to go toward Donations
- I've written checks to pay for the Fall Fundraiser Run for Rocky's marketing efforts and to pay for reimbursement of some of the prizes purchased (\$1300.00 total)

Programs & Events:

- For Basketball, we have received registration fees totaling \$1176.00 since last month. And I have paid out \$80 for labels to be used during their evaluations.
- Book Fair starts today, 11/13/15. I wrote a check to cover the seed money to start out our cash boxes. This will be replaced once I receive the money back from Book Fair.
- Raccoon Runners has received a couple more registrations. I've also written a check for them to join in Frost's 5K race. (\$350 race registration fee). Also, the 50% balance due for the Raccoon Runner's shirts was due in the amount of \$430.00.
- Chat 'n Chew ordered books for \$540.64 so far.
- Pokemon Night was a success and we paid the gentleman \$150 for his time.
- I paid \$250.00 for the Celebrate Calm presentations, which will be on 1/28 and 1/29.

Membership Dues:

- I sent checks to the Local, State, and National PTAs for our membership dues to them. \$1524.00

Hospitality & Appreciation:

- Custodian Appreciation week was October 19th through the 23rd. We wrote out checks to the custodians to show our appreciation for all that they do for the school. \$397.06

-Principals' Report

Jan-Marie Fernandez (given by Amy Alley)

Events that took place:

- Fourth grade trip to Jamestown was great
- FLE Social and Emotional Health preview night was held
- Family One went to Burke Pumpkin Patch and had a great time
- First ever Pyramid Choral Picnic held at Frost Middle School
- Spirit Week was a lot of fun including dressing in bright colors, sports team gear, pajamas, future professions and concluding in another great school wide Spirit Parade
- End of first quarter and Parent Teacher Conferences were held
- 3rd grade enjoyed field trip to Hidden Pond
- 5th grade overnight field trip was held – great weather and very successful!
- Parent Workshop, Dash of Play, was well attended and informative

Upcoming events:

- AAP PARENT meeting to be held today, Room 33 from 3-4
- 11/16-20 Book Fair will be open during the school day and 11/17 for the afternoon and evening
- 11/18 (K-3) and 11/19 (4-6) Thanksgiving luncheons will be held
- 11/19 – 5th and 6th grade Human Growth and Development preview night, 6-7pm in Cafeteria
- 11/20 at 7pm, 11/21 at 2pm and 11/23 at 9:30am and 10:30am – Drama Club production of Annie, Jr
- 11/25 Early Release at 2:05pm, 11/26-27 School Closed for Thanksgiving holiday

- 12/1 - Family Three field trip to Kennedy Center
- 12/7-11 Cafeteria Staff Appreciation
- 12/7-8 6th grade field trips to Woodson Planetarium
- Math workshop for 3-4th grade, Woodson HS staff and honor society come to cafeteria, after school
- 12/14 Winter Choral concert
- 12/18 Sing along and Early Release at 2:05pm
- 12/21-1/1 Winter Break
- Fourth grade to Woodson Planetarium
- 1/8 PTA Monthly Meeting, Cafeteria, 9:30am
- 1/14 Winter Band Concert, Gym, 7pm
- 1/18-19 SCHOOL CLOSED: Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday and Student Holiday
- 1/20 Winter Strings Concert, Gym, 7pm

-Assistant Principal

Amy Alley

- CogAT testing is complete. Scores returned by mid-late January
- Naglieri will be taken by a few children next week by special request
- IOWA – Algebra readiness test will be taken by 6th graders in AAP and Advanced Math to determine 7th grade math placement in January
- Public health nurse on sight once per week, clinic aid that is on site full time is not a professional registered nurse and cannot diagnose children, especially in case of concussion. Unless certain symptoms are present (ie, vomiting, unconsciousness) that require a call to 911, head injuries will be reported to parents and it is the parents' discretion to seek additional medical attention.

-Assistant Principal

Nick Rousos

- Grounds project update – reached out to site coordinator and received an email that indicates the storm water management project is not likely to move forward. Mr. Rousos will keep us updated if any additional changes develop. Summer schedule to be received in April will be a good indicator of the project status.

-1st Vice President for Programs

Lisa Libby

- Kathy Philips- Parent Education kicked off with the “Dash of Play” presentation by Richard Hang (Mantua counselor) and Laura Thieman (certified Play Therapist). It was a fantastic presentation in front of a full house of parents and local preschool teachers. They were great presenters who spoke about the benefits of play on executive functioning and focus. Next parent education, Celebrate Calm with Kirk and Casey Martin, is on Thursday January 28 from 7-9pm and Friday January 29 from 9:30-11:30am. Their DVDs are available for checkout in the library. Last, we are planning for the possibility of Teresa McConnell, former Mantua counselor, doing a 3-4 session parent workshop in the spring.
- Lisa thanked all the volunteers that coordinate the programs.

- Megan Burski Wells – Chat and Chew is under way! The first book has arrived and more are on the way. First meeting will be in December. The books were selected based on recommendations by the librarians and are largely Virginia Reader’s Choice winners. Book list will be made available.
- Drama Club – Please come out and support our young actors. Annie, Jr show times are 11/20 at 7pm and 11/21 at 2pm. Students and volunteers have worked hard, sound upgrades have been made so it’s going to be a great show!
- Kids Care Club – leaf raking is coming up, 9-noon on Saturday, all welcome to help!
- Reflections – We received 19 entries this year in various categories, 6 winners advanced to the district level. Pizza and movie tickets were provided for participants. Entries will be shown in the display case in the lobby. Thanks to Rachel Fleming and judges. Next year’s theme will be “What is Your Story?”
- Chair positions are open for next year. Range in job responsibilities, time commitment and talents. Please contact Lisa with any interests and availability.
- Directory information and advertisements are submitted for printing. Directories will be available in 2 weeks.

-2nd Vice President for Fundraising/Membership

Chanda McCarthy

- Chanda asked for any feedback regarding Run for Rocky. Feedback included better tracking donations for your child and prizes earned, very good that it was low key with less drama and update Member Planet to accommodate multiple children and unknown teachers
- Coming up on 12/9 Restaurant Night at Freddy’s with 15% of proceeds to Mantua PTA
- Box Tops contest ended, \$1000 raised
- Ongoing fundraising and shop thru opportunities such as Amazon continue to bring in funds
- Target will end its school fundraising program as of May 2016
- 5below fundraiser 11/26-12/4, 10% proceeds to our school, must have flyer when you shop
- Spring Fling committees are forming
- Chanda is gauging interest for a school supplies fundraiser. Staples and Edukit are options Convenience of delivery is an important factor in order to move forward
- Spirit Wear sales are low to date

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

FCPS Budget discussions continue throughout the county, cuts are likely. Please stay informed.

VI. Announcements – check out www.mantuapta.org and the AlertNews for more information on what is happening at Mantua.

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.