

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Maryvale Elementary School PTA – Board & General Meeting**  
**March 2, 2010**  
**Maryvale E.S. Media Center, 7.00pm**

**PTA Board Members**

Present: Audra Herzog (President), Akoss Schuppius, Aissa Sires, Jackie Suzich.

Absent: Norma Amado, Mara Lynch, Sanja Modric, Anne Simcox.

Present pending vote: Esther Alessio.

Others Attending: Stephen Collinson, Reese Moone Dominique, Cristie Good and Christine Ngo.

January 2010 minutes were amended and approved via email. The February 2010 meeting was not held due to extensive inclement weather.

**MCCPTA Delegate**

Motion was made and seconded for Esther Alessio to be an MCCPTA Delegate for Maryvale PTA. Motion passed 4 - 0.

**Main Meeting Topic**

**Second Grade TerraNova Presentation**

The teachers of the Second Grade Team discussed preparation for the upcoming TerraNova Exam for second grade. Points emphasized by the presenters included:

- Packages sent with the students need to come back after Spring Break.
- A teacher will go through the packages with the students- for the French immersion side, an English speaking teacher will be going through the packages with the students.
- The test will be conducted in the classrooms and start at 9:35 am SHARP by 2 people per class: the proctor-will read the questions- sent by MCPS and the class teacher to assist the proctor .
- Test will take place Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday – Make up dates Thursday & Friday.
- Results will come to the principal in the summer and it will not count towards their report card.
- The test is used as an indication of the student's progress versus the other students in the nation at the same level.
- It will used by teachers in 3rd grade to group the students in reading & math – to assist them or give them higher level math.

**Committee Reports**

**Treasurer's Report**

- Most of our funds are under our forecasted budget – hoping for increase with Spring Fling
- Current actual expenses: \$11,350.99 (-\$5,014.14 from surplus)
- Current actual income: \$9,452.36

### **Membership Report**

Membership Chair Rick Moser was unavailable to give this report.

### **Programs Report**

- Bullying Assembly moved to April 14<sup>th</sup>. A. Herzog is waiting for confirmation.
- REACH Assembly trying to run on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm for the entire school. Confirmation to come.
- Field Day with Mr. Johnson scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> 2010 with 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> graders to be present all day. We are in need of 20 volunteers for this event. Rain date is May 27<sup>th</sup> for Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade from 9:30am to 11:30am.
- Teacher Appreciation Week May 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 2010. Mrs. Kimber and Mrs. Till need two days out of the week to organize an Omelet's day & Doughnut/Coffee Day. The PTA wants to organize a Desert Day with either a cake or the parents bringing multiple cakes OR a cookout? Needs suggestions.
- School Directory: Still waiting to get it to the parents. A. Herzog suggested that next year the PTA have it professionally done.

### **Fundraisers Report**

- A. Simcox proposed to have an additional "coins" fundraiser to help with raising more money to cover the budget shortfalls. Example would be Pennies on Monday; Nickels-Tuesday etc. A member raised the question as to the "technicalities" involved with raising money since the Haiti coins collection was for a specific cause and was Okayed by the school. Anne will check.
- A. Herzog and A. Schuppius informed the members of a student who has been in the hospital since Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009, in & out of coma. The student's mother – a single parent - has been at his side ever since. A. Herzog suggested running a coin drive for this family instead of using it for the budget. A. Schuppius is to go visit the family and find out what assistance they need.
- Ice Rink Fundraiser: A. Simcox recently found out that some schools use the Rockville Ice Rink Arena for fund raising. The school would rent the rink and let the first 100 kids in for free with a discounted skate rental fee (~\$2.20/skate). Any additional child would pay \$6.60/skate. If people eat at the restaurant there, the PTA will get 10% of the revenue for that night. There is no restriction on nights and April is pretty open right now.

- A. Simcox suggested to have a Maryvale Parent Social, which could be hosted at the Austin Grill. She will check on Babysitting for parents to be able to drop their kids. She will also check to see if they would give us a % of the profit for that night.

### **Volunteer Coordinator's Report**

Spring Fling volunteers are still needed.

### **MCCPTA Delegates Report**

Motion on "Serious Incidents" to improve school's safety and create better accounting for incidents in schools. The whole motion came about an incident that happened in a school where a student was hit in a head by another student; almost died in the ambulance, and the entire incident was never reported by anyone and the police was never contacted.

The committee wants:

- Definition of the term "serious incident" changed to increase the amount of reporting. Make incident reporting mandatory.
- Will ask the schools their definition of the term. Bullying to be included in the definition of the term. Committee wants the term's definition to be close to the one in COB-RA, which is the one used by the police
- Make sure that schools start reporting bullying – only 4 incidents reported last year.
- Make sure we are careful about drawing the line on bullying and that is not abused as well.

Foreign Language Workgroup was the second hot topic of the night because the document that was presented by MCPS workgroup was found by parents to be too vague and was rejected by the MCCPTA assembly and the parents involved in the workgroup were asked to prepare a list of concerns to submit to the assembly next month. Still trying to get the penalty waived for the 2010 budget. School may waive the 5 days extension at the end of the present school year to make up for missed week of school. All exams will stay at the same scheduled date for the moment.

### **Future Meeting Dates**

General meetings are scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9.00pm.

Minutes compiled by Aissa Sires and submitted by Secretary, Mara Lynch.