



Meeting Minutes
Maryvale Elementary School PTA –General and Board Meetings
June 1, 2010
Maryvale E.S. Media Center, 7.00pm

PTA Board Members

Present: Audra Herzog (President), Esther Alessio, Norma Amado, Mara Lynch, Akoss Schuppius, Anne Simcox, Aissa Sires, Jackie Suzich.

Absent: Sanja Modric.

Others Attending: Cristie Good, Lance Good, Parfait Awono, Marie-Stella Heiser, Rachael Nichols, Gina Blake, Erin Cashman, Alison Moser, Valerie Levin, Norma Mendoza, Sima Blackmon-Hall and one other parent.

May 2010 minutes to be revised for email approval. ***Approved by email June 2, 2010.***

General Meeting

Main Meeting Topic

Fifth Grade France Trip

R. Nichols discussed the recent parent-led trip to France by a group of Maryvale fifth-graders. The trip was felt to be greatly beneficial to the students in terms of seeing how French is used in everyday life as opposed to in school only. Relationships were developed prior to the trip by email, and have continued after the trip. Students had a five-day homestay with a family of a child of comparable age, and the Maryvale students attended school with their host students. At least one host student will be returning the visit this summer. Financial and planning details were provided to the parents of the incoming fifth-grade class.

Fifth Grade Philadelphia Trip

Mme. Riley presented information on the impact of the trips to Philadelphia, Mt. Vernon and the National Mall/French Embassy and requested the PTA fund the trips again next school year. Impact on both the social studies and science curriculums were discussed.

Other Topics

MCPS Budget Cuts Impact on Maryvale

Principal Kimber reports that MCPS has changed the budgeting process and is building up from a skeleton budget rather than cutting from existing budgets as done previously. Current impact on Maryvale includes a loss of two teachers on the English side which will result in a combination Grade 2/3 class, a reduction in lunch/recess aides from four each in the lunchroom and playground to either two or three each, some sharply increased class sizes on both the English (from 14 to 20 in K, 23 or more in others) and French (from 25 to 26 – 29) sides. Maryvale will receive additional ESOL staff and FOCUS Math Content Coach hours. FOCUS will see smaller class sizes. Maryvale has requested additional staff in the next round of allocations to allow for increased student numbers, but is unlikely to receive them.

Class Formation

Principal Kimber discussed the process for setting up next year's classes. Current grade and next grade teachers develop classes in a conference. The Principal determines which teacher best fits each class.

PTA Website

Lance Good has developed the new PTA Website, which is located at MARYVALEPTA.NET.

Election of Board for 2010-2011

Candidates briefly introduced themselves. A. Herzog moved the slate be approved. A. Schuppius and R. Nichols seconded. Voice vote approval. Officers voted in were Mara Lynch, Treasurer; Marie-Stella Heiser, Secretary; Anne Simcox, VP Programs; Cristie Good, Communications Chair; Deborah Bowe, Membership Chair; Aissa Sires, MCCPTA Delegate; Esther Alessio, MCCPTA Delegate. Offices which continue to seek candidates include President, Executive VP and VP Fundraising. Meeting of the current and new boards will immediately follow adjournment of the General Meeting.

Adjournment

The General meeting was adjourned at 8.35pm.

Board Meeting

Committee Reports

Membership Report

D. Bowe will take over as membership chair and compile the directory. It may be possible to outsource part or all of the compilation.

Treasurer's Report

Spring Fling income exceeded expectations. REACH fundraiser is still open, and receipts after June 30th will hit next year's budget.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report

Well over 100 potential skaters expressed interest in a Skating Night on June 9th. Rink is booked with no PTA expenditure expected. PTA will receive 10% of concession sales. Flyers will emphasize that all children must be accompanied. Fifth Grade vs. Staff Kickball games is scheduled for June 11th.

MCCPTA Delegates Report

The MCCPTA meeting was cancelled this month. MCCPTA Training is on June 7th.

Other Topics

Future Meeting Dates

A general meeting is scheduled for June 15th at 7pm to discuss PTA Funding Requests for 2010-2011. Outgoing Board members should expect to transition materials to their replacements at that time.

Tentative meeting dates for 2010-2011 will be:

August 31, 2010

PTA Board Budget Meeting

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| September 7, 2010 | PTA General Meeting (Budget Presented) |
| October 5, 2010 | PTA General Meeting (Budget Approval) |
| November 3, 2010 | PTA Board Meeting |
| December 7, 2010 | PTA General Meeting |
| January 4, 2011 | PTA Board Meeting |
| February 1, 2011 | PTA General Meeting (TerraNova Testing) |
| March 1, 2011 | PTA Board Meeting |
| April 5, 2011 | PTA General Meeting (MSA Testing, Presentation of Executive Board Candidates for 2011 – 2012) |
| May 3, 2011 | PTA General Meeting (Vote for Executive Board) |
| June 7, 2011 | PTA Board Meeting |

Adjournment

The Board meeting was adjourned at 9.21pm.

Minutes compiled and submitted by Secretary, Mara Lynch.