

Mays Chapel Elementary School PTA



General Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2015

In Attendance: Michael Quinn, Kelly Sevier, Melissa Whatley, Stephen Coco, Katie Murray, Christi Ranck, Irene Angelos, Janell Cowley, Ronda Kunkel, Amy Madsen, Monica Koors, Lena Polite, Sarah Lange, Laurie Tingley, Karen Wolfe, Ashby Heath

1. **Call to Order and (Re)Introductions**
2. **Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the general meeting on February 13, 2015 were reviewed and approved.
3. **President's Report:** Michael Quinn, President
 - a. **School Directory:** Completed and distributed to each family at MCES. Thanks to Susan Oh for producing our inaugural edition!
 - b. **Girls Night Out:** Big success and the post-event survey gave extremely positive reviews. Next up will be Guys Night Out.
 - c. **MCES Science Night:** Will be held on 3/19, which will cause a scheduling conflict with our Family Game Night. We will look at dates to reschedule Game Night if possible.
 - d. **Family Fit Night:** April 21st -- Fit2Order will provide various fitness activities at MCES and will be open to all families on a first-come, first-served basis. Flyer will come home right after Spring Break.
 - e. **Mays Day Festival:** May 9th is the date for our community-wide spring festival. Further update is listed below.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Kelly Sevier, Treasurer
 - a. **Current balance:** \$13,676
 - b. **Reserve:** We would like to carry over \$5,000 to begin next school year.
5. **Principal's Report:** Steve Coco, Principal
 - a. **MCES Science Night:** March 19th from 6pm – 8pm: The evening will feature 4th/5th Grade STEM Fair projects along with a presentation by the Maryland Science Center. There will be eight Science Center staff members running hands-on/minds-on experiences. PTA is actively considering level of financial support for the event.
 - b. **Night of Innovation:** May 4th in the evening: MCES will be participating with other Lighthouse Schools in a presentation highlighting our STAT initiatives. There will be student-led stations, presentations, and model classroom showcasing the changes and transformations that are associated with the new technology. Our school will partner with Discovery Ed to organize the evening. It will be open to the community and will serve as a Central Area forum.

- c. **Spring Break:** A half day on Thursday, April 2nd has been added by BCPS to make up for extra snow days. June 19th is currently the last day of school but that is pending Board approval.
 - d. **Report Cards:** Will be distributed on April 23rd.
 - e. **Kindergarten Registration:** May 13th and 14th: Volunteers are needed to help at kindergarten registration. Pre-K registration will be held on May 20th and volunteers will also be needed. Additionally, if you have (or know of) a child who will be 5 by September 2015 and lives within the school boundaries, please contact the school office for a screening appointment. More details are on the MCES website.
- 6. Assistant Principal's Report:** Katie Murray, Assistant Principal
- a. **PARCC Assessment:** The testing schedule was heavily affected by the weather and the testing window has been extended until the start of Spring Break.
 - b. **Teacher of the Year:** Mrs. Smith, first grade teacher, has been nominated for Teacher of the Year by MCES.
 - c. **Principal of the Year:** Mr. Coco has been nominated by the staff for Principal of the Year.
- 7. New Business:**
- a. **Recess Policy:** Mrs. Kunkel questioned whether MCES has a formal policy on recess activities, as it seems that students are not getting outside consistently. Since MCES does not have a formal policy yet, Mr. Coco will review but believes the weather has been a major factor.
 - b. **Wi-Fi and Cell Service:** Mrs. Kunkel also asked about the lack of cell and Wi-Fi service in the building. Mrs. Murray said that currently AT&T is the only provider that works within the building but it is being worked on. Apparently, LEED-Certified buildings are tough on the signals.
- 8. Committee and Coordinator Reports:**
- a. **Teacher Appreciation:** Jeanette Guy
 - i. Teacher Appreciation Week will be May 4th to 8th. Each day of the week will feature special treats for the teachers.
 - ii. Luncheon will be on Thursday, May 7th and we will need volunteers to cover classes so that teachers will be able to enjoy the luncheon together.
 - b. **Health and Wellness:** Arisa Kirk
 - i. The JHU Safety Center mobile exhibit will visit the school during our Mays Day Festival.
 - ii. Fit Family Night will be held on April 21st.
 - iii. The HELPS Coalition thanks the MCES PTA for our donation.

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- c. **Yearbook:** Kelly Sevier and Melissa Whatley: We need pictures from all grade levels and events. Yearbooks are available for pre-order at \$20 each and will be delivered prior to the end of the school year.
 - d. **Volunteers:** Volunteers are still needed in the Art Room – please refer to the SignUpGenius (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044faeaf2d6-artroom1>) if you are able to help. Cafeteria volunteers are no longer needed.
 - e. **Mays Day Festival:** Janell Cowley and Irene Angelos
 - i. School and Community Event to be held on Saturday, May 9th
 - ii. Games and activities will be held inside and out with a Silent Auction (with class-driven items), possible Mays Day Mall (vendors for Mother’s Day Shopping), May Pole, school tours, mascot, DJ, face painting and more.
 - iii. Many volunteers will be needed.
 - iv. Organization meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 24th at 9:30am in Room 201.
- 9. Nominating Committee: Tami Payne**
- a. Elections for the 2015 – 16 fiscal year (which begins July 1) will be held at the PTA meeting scheduled for 7 pm on Tuesday, May 12th
 - b. If you are interested in serving on the Board or would like to nominate someone, please contact Tami Payne for more information.
- 10. Next meeting:** Friday, April 17th at 9:30am at Mays Chapel Elementary School.
- 11. Adjournment**