

# Mays Chapel Elementary School PTA

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## General Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2015

**In Attendance:** Michael Quinn, Melissa Whatley, Stephen Coco, Katie Murray, Linnea Elder, Kim Mentzer, Christi Ranck, Tami Payne, Arethusa Kirk, Julie Kinghorn, Greg Zapiec, Irene Angelos, Janell Cowley, Ronda Kunkel, Barbara Diaz, R. Susanna Price, Nila Savaliya

- 1. Call to Order and (Re)Introductions**
- 2. Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the general meeting on January 13, 2015 were reviewed and approved.
- 3. President's Report:** Michael Quinn, President
  - a. PTA-sponsored assembly Mean Stinks with Keenan West was well received.
  - b. Girls Night Out will be supported by the PTA. More than eighty 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls are expected for the event, which has been rescheduled for later today.
  - c. Hoping to schedule several activities for the balance of the year: Family Game Night, Fit Family Night, Mays Day Festival, and a Spring Book Fair to be discussed further.
  - d. Mrs. O'Reilly is looking for volunteers for the Art Room. She needs help with displaying the students' artwork around the school as well as in the art room.
  - e. The HELPS Coalition expressed their thanks for our \$100 donation to support CPR Education.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** Kelly Sevier, Treasurer: Deferred
- 5. Principal's Report:** Steve Coco, Principal
  - a. **Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey:** Available at [www.bcps.org](http://www.bcps.org), this survey is tailored to each individual school and will provide specific feedback to our school. All parents are encouraged to take the survey. The deadline has been extended to mid-March.
  - b. **Girls Night Out:** Mrs. Counsell organized the event and it will run from 3pm until 7pm today, February 13<sup>th</sup>. More than 80 girls are expected.
  - c. **Mays Chapel Drama Club:** A Drama Club sponsored by Mrs. Marsh and Mr. Cooney will begin in March for students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades. It will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings before school from 8:15 – 9:05am. A flyer will be coming home soon with the details.

**6. Assistant Principal's Report:** Katie Murray, Assistant Principal

- a. **PARCC Assessment:** All students in grades 3-5 will be taking the tests during the first two weeks of March and again in May. There will be three days of English/Language Arts (ELA) and two days of Math. This will be a baseline year, since it the first year that BCPS students will be taking these tests. The daily school schedule will be adjusted so that the students will still be able to have specials. 5<sup>th</sup> graders will also take the MSA Science test in mid-April.

**7. Committee Chair and Coordinator Reports:**

- a. **Mays Day Festival:** Janell Cowley and Irene Angelos
  - i. School and community event to be held on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Currently planning for food, carnival events/games, crafts, prizes, entertainment, May Pole, silent auction, prizes, and tours of the school.
  - iii. Many volunteers will be needed so please help!
- b. **School Directory:** Susan Oh: The directory is ready for the printer. We are waiting for a carrier list to determine how many copies to get printed as we would like to provide one copy per family.
- c. **Spirit Wear:** Jacque Pfeifer: Initial offering was very well received and folks are interested in more merchandise for the spring. We would also like to get some inventory to have on hand for sale at our upcoming spring events.
- d. **Health and Wellness:** Arisa Kirk
  - i. The committee has contacted the JHU Safety Center and put in a request to have their mobile exhibit visit the school during our Mays Day Festival.
  - ii. Fit Family Night would be a good fit and perhaps could be held on April 21<sup>st</sup>
- e. **Teacher Appreciation:** Jeanette Guy (who was unable to attend) reported via Michael Quinn that she is hoping to get a date soon from Mr. Coco for the staff appreciation luncheon and will have an update on teacher appreciation activities at the next meeting.
- f. **Yearbook:** Kelly Sevier and Melissa Whatley: We have parent reps to oversee each grade's section. We will soon have a community site available for parents to upload candid shots. Also, we will begin to take pre-orders shortly
- g. **Early Bird Gym:** Niki Jones: The first session has been successful and registration for the next one will be on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. A lottery will be used if there are too many applicants.

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- h. **Book Fair:** Tami Payne: MCES has the opportunity to have an additional Scholastic Book Fair in the spring if we are interested. We discussed pairing it with the Mays Day Festival or potentially with an event that HotSpots and the Art Department are working towards in early June.
- 8. Additional Community-Building Activities**
- a. **Family Game Night:** Based on the popular Pizza Bingo event that is held at other schools, we are looking at Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> to hold two sessions of pizza, bingo, and prizes. We are looking for a chair for the event.
  - b. **Fit Family Night:** Would schedule the event with Fit2Order and are looking at April 21<sup>st</sup> as a potential date. This evening would feature stations highlighting various fitness activities like yoga, Zumba, stretching, etc.
- 9. Board and Officers for Balance of 2014-15:**
- a. **New Vice Presidents:** Janell Cowley was nominated to join the Board and serve as a Vice President for the balance of the year. Upon motion duly made and seconded, she was unanimously elected to this newly created position. She joins Kim Mentzer, who in January joined the Board will also serve as a Vice President for the balance of the fiscal year.
- 10. Next meeting:** Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Mays Chapel Elementary School.
- 11. Adjournment**