

Mays Chapel Elementary School PTA



12250 Roundwood Rd
Timonium, MD 21093

General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

In Attendance: Kelly Sevier, Jen Hill Leineweber, Susan Oh, Irene Angelos, Karen Wolfe, Sandra Price, Jeanette Guy, Janell Cowley, Barbara Diaz, Laurie Tingley, Michael Quinn, Kimberly Nelson, Anne Konick, Melissa Gillispie, Amanda Fair, Steve Coco, Christi Ranck

1. **Call to Order and (Re)Introductions**
2. **President's Report:** Kelly Sevier, President: Meeting will highlight key discussion areas, not all committees.
3. **Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the general meeting on September 15, 2015 were reviewed and approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Deferred to next meeting.
5. **Principal's Report:** Steve Coco, Principal
 - a. **Inclusivity:** Thankful and aware of the effort made by the PTA to be INCLUSIVE of everyone.
 - b. **Culture:** Would like to find ways for students to participate and empower themselves in PTA and school activities to help students be and become service oriented. The school has and is continuing to create a learning culture of self-help for everyone, students, parents and teachers. Mrs. Cox our STAT teacher is a co-teacher, not just the go to person for difficulties.
 - c. **Teacher Convention:** Schools closed Friday, October 16th.
 - d. **First Marking Period End:** Schools have half day on Friday, October 30th
 - e. **American Education Week:** November 11th – November 16th: Morning visitations will be designated for grades. The specific days are designed to help with the flow of all the extra people. All parents, grandparents, etc. are welcome and the school will be FLEXIBLE with those who need to come at a time other than assigned to their grade. Ms. Breen will be hosting an accelerated academics workshop during the week.

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- f. **School Progress Plan:** A data based fluid plan which measures the three key areas of importance based on the school vision statement: Reading, Math and Climate. The data from the PARCC and MAPS tests are used in making the plan and reviewing the plan on a quarterly basis.
 - i. **MAPS Testing:** The test is taken by 1st -5th graders in the fall, K-5th in the winter and K-2nd in the spring. The purpose of MAPS is to show the students learning growth rather than performance.
 - ii. **Climate Survey:** Parents and 4th and 5th graders participate. In order to have 100% participation of students, time is given during the school day.
 - g. **Gifted and Talented:** A parent asked if there was still a gifted and talented program in BCPS elementary schools. Accelerated Academics are provided in every classroom, the school is erring on the side of providing more challenge and acceleration to students.
 - h. **BCPS Parent University:** A resource on the CPS website which includes workshops and other information and tools to help parents support their students.
 - i. **EnVision 2.0:** Extended 3rd and 4th grade accelerated Math with assess to Pearson textbook online. The school system is in the process of getting codes to parents for access.

6. Key Discussion Areas:

a. Membership/Directory:

- i. Had a surge of students for directory after last push via teacher emails.
- ii. Suggestions for easier directory creation next year:
 - 1. Email those in prior year directory and confirm want to be included in current year directory
 - 2. PT Office or similar program where each year parents update information and assign new teachers, etc.
- iii. Go for another membership push before the directory comes out.

b. Overview of events for the year:

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- i. **Recap of Lab Luau:** Ideas / suggestions for next year: extra leis for non-students and Food Trucks. Two Food Trucks to contact: Carol's Chuck Wagon and Clementine.
 - ii. **Restaurant Nights:** Monthly restaurant nights throughout the school year as fundraisers. October's restaurant night is Panera, Timonium location.
 - iii. **Bookfair:** Mary Gilmore and Jen Leineweber: November 30th – December 4th: This year there will be an online fair for three weeks that will be delivered to school. There will be online register training so all volunteers will be able to use the register. Multicultural books in different languages will be available. Brown paper packaging available so children will not see purchases. Looking into times for parents to come into school without students and a time at lunch to come with them. The fair will be open for the Pancake dinner and it will be taken down afterwards. Other items being considered are: teacher wish list, collecting change for books and the scholastic books for those students designated by school to purchase books.
 - iv. **December Pancake Dinner & Mays Mall:** Friday, December 4th, ending the week of book fair. A committee is needed for this event. Students can come in PJ's. The tickets will be \$5-\$7 per person. The PTA will make tables available for vendors to purchase for display in the Mays Mall to see crafts, etc. Will need other activities for students besides shopping and pancakes. Possible ideas: Games, balloon person, Maysie and a reading time or nook.
 - v. **Winter Game Night:** Need a committee chair to plan.
 - vi. **Movie Nights:** Need a committee chair to plan.
 - vii. **Fit Family Night:** Michael Quinn will lead the planning.
 - viii. **Trunk or Treat:** Friday, October 30th, 5:00-6:30(?): Parents will park vehicles in a designated area; families will set up and decorate their cars. Mr. Coco would like a specified kick off for trunk or treating and a closure time with a parade. Mr. Coco stressed that he would like the children to be involved with the setup, decorating and cleaning up to empower them with participation and help them understand the amount of work needed for these fun events.

7. Committee and Coordinator Reports

- a. **Outreach:** Christina Prescott: Mr. Coco and the PTA would like be deliberate about adding an outreach component to every event this year. The canned food collection at the Lab Luau had a great turn out.

8. New Business: See the above overview of events for the year.

9. Next general meeting: November 10th, 7:00 pm

10. Adjournment

UPCOMING EVENTS/IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, October 16th System wide Professional Development, school closed for students

Friday, October 30th Marking Period Ends – ES and MS Schools close 3 hours early

Friday, October 30th (5:00-6:00) Trunk or Treat

Tuesday, November 10th (7:00 pm) General PTA Meeting

Thursday, November 12th Report Card Distribution, Pre-K Conference Day, No AM or PM Pre-K

Friday, November 13th Elementary Conference Day, schools closed for Elementary students

Monday-Friday, November 16th-20th American Education Week

Thursday, Friday, November 26-27th, Thanksgiving – Schools and Offices Closed