

## MWES PTA Meeting Minutes

9/12/11, 7:00p.m.

**Recorded by Missy Haghgoo, Recording Secretary**

**Attendance:** C. Brown, N.Ting, Lavanya, D.Delmonte, L.Delmonte, L.Cooksey, S.Blessing, C.Stavron, K.Chase, K.Powell, R. Dai Wang, J. Patil, S. Kim, P. Watson, A. Varlotta, G.Thomas, L. Tanis, K. Leslie, P. Kroft, A. Crawford, A. Koram, P. Groman, H. Mercer, L. Lolos Brown, K. Ross, L. Stewart, D. Kessler, A. Randazzo, M. Parsons, S. Khoury, L. Wilson, N. Germain, J. Flury, J. Buchwald, T. Hill, C. Ramos, C. Wallace, R. Wallace, A. Reynolds, A. Sorkin, J. Weisner, N. Richardson, R. Breslow, A. Nandikonda, K. Johansen, E. Sarlin, S. Ichniowski, B. Claiborne, L. Kenny, J. Wallace, D. Harvey, L. Filson, M. Haghgoo

### **PTA President – Cheryl Brown**

Introduced PTA Board and each member gave a brief bio. Reviewed minutes from May 2011 Meeting. Correction to May 2011 minutes; PTA gifts to the school did not include Finele software program (\$119) and Viola (\$219). Dan Delmonte made a motion to approve the minutes, and Cheryl Ramos seconded the motion. Minutes approved with corrections. The PTA website will include all forms sent home, agendas for upcoming PTA meetings, and approved minutes from previous meetings. The MWES PTA Board and Committee Chair Volunteer Guide was distributed to all committee chairs and reviewed by Cheryl.

**First VP- Cheryl Ramos** - No report.

### **Treasurer –Dan Delmonte**

Dan distributed the PTA budget for the year. The budget was approved.

**Corresponding Secretary – Nicole Germain** - No report.

**Recording Secretary – Missy Haghgoo** - No report.

### **Principal - Jim Weisner**

Mr. Weisner thanked the PTA for the staff breakfast at the beginning of the year and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He stressed the importance of completing the Emergency Procedure Cards for each student and absentee notes. He discussed parking and drop-off issues. Students can come into the school building at 8:30am. School starts promptly at 8:45am. If a child is late, the parent must walk the child into school and sign him/her in. Please be careful of children in the drop-off loop. Do not park your car in the red fire lanes! He encouraged parents to sign up for HCPSS.news. There are currently 642 students enrolled. He had Kathy Leslie explain the Common Core Curriculum (CCC) that MWES will be following. The CCC is a national program being adopted by the State of Maryland. MWES will implement the Math portion of the CCC beginning with the Kindergarten class.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Back-to-School Picnic – Karen Chase**

The date for this event is Thursday, Sept 15 from 5:30-7:30. Still in need of coolers and people to attend. Last year's attendance was approximately 700 people. As of tonight's meeting, only 300 people have indicated they were coming.

### **Fundraising -Amy Crawford and Monica Parsons**

We will continue with Innisbrook and added Cookie dough as our first fundraisers. All orders are due back to school by Sept 30, 2011. Delivery of items to students by mid-November. One parent, A Randazzo asked about the ingredients in the cookie dough. Monica Parsons to get back to her. Awards will be given to the highest sellers in each grade. The Duck Patron program was explained at this time by Cheryl Brown. For those parents who wish to make a onetime donation rather than participate with Innisbrook, the Duck Patron Program is available. Stacy Ichniowski suggested the Duck patron program be included into the Innisbrook contest. Monica Parsons to work with Sharon Blessing on combining the two fundraisers into one contest.

### **Membership – Sharon Blessing**

Sharon Blessing is responsible for collecting all monies from PTA membership and Duck Patron Program, and forwarding to our Treasurer. Sharon's goal for having the directory published is November 1, 2011. Hopefully, we'll get it sooner, but with a 3 week turn- around from the publisher and a Sept. 30 deadline for PTA applications, that is a realistic date.

### **After-School Programs – Linda Stewart**

A list of all after school programs was sent home in Friday folders. We are still looking for ideas or suggestions for new after school programs.

### **Cultural Arts – Jen Buchwald**

A Nada Brahma musician will be in residence October 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **PTA Council Delegate – Lauren Filson**

Lauren briefly described her role and provided a handout from the 9/6/11 PTA Council of Howard County meeting.

### **Fall Book Fair – Lisa Delmonte**

The Book Fair will be October 25, 2011 at Barnes and Noble in the Longate Shopping Center. Because the Fair will take place a few days before Halloween, kids will have the option to dress as their favorite literary character. Teachers will have an opportunity to read to the children. Arts and crafts will be provided as well as a scavenger hunt. Vouchers will be given to the children prior to the event and will be accepted all day. 10% of books sales and 5% of Nook sales go to MWES.

### **Hospitality – Cheryl Ramos and Page Watson**

A breakfast was held recently y for the staff to kick off the new school year. Another breakfast for the bus drivers will be held later in the month.

### **Reflections – Marna Shacknies**

(No notes)

### **Ducktales – Monica Parsons**

Will be published 5 times this year and also available on the website.

**Walking Program – Alicia Reynolds**

The theme this year is “If I walk to School”. Each bus route was mapped out. The miles from the bus route will be provided to each child and their goal will be to walk those miles if they want to participate in the program. The program starts Tuesday October 6.

**PTA Website – Angel Bivens**

Give Angel information you would like posted on the PTA website.

**Giant/Safeway – Amy DeGeorge**

We made \$5,000 last year from these programs. There is a link to join via Escript on our PTA website.

**Blood Drive – Francine Bennett**

The blood drive will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 from 4pm-8pm.

**School Supply Pack – Julie Neaman**

There were 80 supply packs ordered for this school year. Julie will be sending out a survey to all parents requesting feedback.

**Reading Campaign – Diana Kessler**

The theme this year is ‘Read All about it’. The reading campaign kicks off in October. It will be held all year long with a different activity each month. Reading logs are not mandatory to participate this year but will be available to those who still want to use them. Flyers will be sent home to inform everyone of the campaign.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.**

**Next month’s meeting will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup>.**