



## **Marshall Road Elementary PTA Minutes**

**May 16, 2017 7pm**

**MRES Library**

Attendees: Cindy Iwan (President), Anna Moore (Vice President), Urvi Desai (Vice President), Andrea Kramer (Treasurer), Jen Harlow (Secretary), Jennifer Heiges, Missy Dixon, Karla Toper-Nguyen, Missy Walsh, Elizabeth Terry-Humen, Missy Dixon, Yesenia Argueta, Amanda DuFrayne, Beth Eachus

I. Call Meeting to Order – President, Cindy Iwan, called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

II. President's Report- Welcome, thanks for coming. Want to say thanks to all the volunteers helping with events in both April and May.

Appreciation Committee – Tanya McClelland and Krista McClelland.

Teacher Appreciation Week (TAW) – Danielle Cook, Tanya McClelland, Jennifer Harlow, Yesenia Argueta, Missy Dixon, Emily Miller, Room Parent Network, Administration, Kate Stirling and Ms. Naylor.

Book Fair – Olga Hernandez, Denise Gargano, Gina Womack, Stephanie Roerrer, Andrea Kramer, Amy Jones, Shirin Rafat and Tanya McClelland.

E-News thank you Priya Krishna

Family Fun Night – Elizabeth Terry-Humen, Jana Ferrel, Andrea Kramer, Ms. Wissinger, Ms. Naylor, Ms. Welsh and administrators.

Thank YOU!

We are still looking for a Treasurer for the PTA Board for the 2017-'18 school year. Please, please tell your friends, see if they're interested.

Cindy distributed a list of Program Chairs needed for next school year. Please let us know if you're interested or know of anyone. There are also Co-Leaders needed for certain activities.

III. April Minutes – Approval: Jennifer Harlow asked that the April 2017 Minutes be approved. Attending PTA members had no objections and April Minutes stand as written and will be recorded accordingly.

IV. Treasurer Report– Andrea Kramer – Closing end of year fundraising. Spring Break Sports Camp is not intended to be a fundraiser, however a few days before camp started five additional students enrolled and lack of the high school students we typically pay as assistants but weren't able to bring on, this gave us a bit of a surplus. Our current PTA account balance is \$33k, which is more than a non-profit should have. Budget will be entered into record.

- a. Please note the Principal's Fund line. We don't fund this at the beginning of the year. As we approach the end of the year, if the Board anticipates there will be sufficient surplus funds then the PTA goes back to the school administration to find out if there is a large purchase or larger project they are interested in. The PTA feels there is \$12k that can be given to the Principal's Fund line to go towards the administration's identified pressing need for computers for student use, would pay for 6+ laptops. MOTION: PTA Board Member, Andrea Kramer, made a motion to give \$12k to the Principal's Fund budget to go

towards the purchase of computers for student use. PTA member, Beth Eachus, seconded the motion, the attending PTA members voted, and the stated Motion was passed.

V. Principal's Report-Jennifer Heiges- Thank you for approving this motion; this money will be added to other funds I have dedicated to go towards even more than six computers. With staff retiring, this brings younger teachers and even more use of technology. Students in some grades use technology as a tool and others use it as centers. Students are using computers and other classes are getting stuck when doing a project and there is two carts per grade. This money will go towards helping alleviate this. The school is going to keep using Dreambox for one more year, which the PTA has also helped fund.

TAW was amazing! Thanks Danielle and Missy and entire team for all of your hard work. It was unique and awesome! Teachers are so appreciative and this falls at just the best time.

SOLs are an opportunity for students to show what they have learned. It's not going to be how we define them.

We just need to get through the last few weeks which will be fast and furious!

The school changed up the 6<sup>th</sup> grade moving up ceremony to be in the morning. Students have family in town for it, and that way kids can be taken out of school for the rest of the day and enjoy the time with their family.

Open house the Friday before school begins will change to 9am this upcoming school year (2017-'18). We hope it's more convenient for parents and it will give teachers more time to finish things up.

Back to school night is moving to a Wednesday evening vs. Thursday. Jen has the date and will provide.

Field Day is split into two days this year. Our school is too big for one day. June 2<sup>nd</sup> (K-2) & 9<sup>th</sup> (3-6). We won't need as many volunteers for June 2, as 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be helping out.

Thanks to all those in this room and to all you've done this year!

We just had 120 families for rising kindergarten orientation and I have the e-mails, so if the PTA wants to send out anything or information, please let Principal Heiges know.

Class picnics – all grades are having them and while not required, everyone enjoys themselves.

Reminder – first day of school is August 28<sup>th</sup>.

VI. Transportation Safety Commission – Beth Eachus – Marshall Rd. construction will begin in the next few weeks. There will be completed sidewalk along Marshall Road to include sewer and gutters. Intersection of Marshall Rd. and Ware, there will be a bump out to deter cars from passing on right when another car is turning left onto Ware from MR. One side of the road will be closed during construction. There will be a bike climbing lane on one side, as there isn't enough room on both sides. Ultimately, Marshall Rd. will be much safer. Note – Signage in cul-de-sacs will be updated and this isn't an option to park or stand (the pool is your smartest option). Please remember no parking 25ft to an intersection and 30ft to a stop sign – lack of visibility diminishes when people park at a stop sign or right at the intersection.

Principal Heiges reminded us that students are meant to be either a walker or bus rider. While Kiss and Ride, which is not a standard means of dismissal home, has become more unmanageable. Looking at making the lot in front of the school for faculty only and increase to have 4 handicap spots, so unless you're faculty or have a handicap sticker you can't park in that lot.

MRES will get information to families as soon as they are given any info with regard to the construction. What is hard is either people ignore or overlook school e-mails. When construction gets going, there will be more police presence – as we'll need more than just a crossing guard. With this construction, more people will use Dellwood. Be careful when driving, walking or crossing this street as well. Marshall Road isn't the only major road change occurring – more

discussion with regard to the 66 expansion. Biggest issue is where the hot lanes begin. One plan was to start them at 123, but now talking about starting them at Nutley, which means more cars would be cutting through Vienna.

#### VII. Committee Chair Reports

- a. Nominating Committee- Missy Dixon- As of May 3, 2017 the nominees were posted to the website and stand as: President- Anna Moore, Vice President – Andrea Kramer, Vice President- Amanda DuFrayne, Secretary- Meredith Hulley. We are in need of a Treasurer, possibly Co-Treasurer's. Bios are on the PTA website. Voting will occur at the volunteer appreciation breakfast/PTA meeting on June 2.  
If we can't find a Treasurer, the current Treasurer will continue on until the position is filled. Andrea has been wonderful and has served and sacrificed a lot. We need someone to continue with what has been done. Talk to neighbors and friends!
- b. Art Enrichment – Elizabeth Terry-Humen -We didn't have ArtSmart this school year, but in the month of June we will have two projects. The first project will be on Marc Chagall and the second on aboriginal art. There is a wonderful presentation on Marc Chagall on YouTube. An art teacher in Alaska dresses up as Chagall and walks through his life. Instead of volunteers coming to school for a docent training, we are going to have parents watch this YouTube at their leisure. If a class doesn't have a volunteer or if the teacher finds it easiest to show this to their class and have the volunteer come help pass out the supplies, that would work too. Enough supplies have been purchased for all students, which we think will help alleviate the problems that occurred with the cart. Each class can get what they need when they need it. We're going to try this in June, and see how it goes. When the art work is done, it goes home immediately.
- c. School Supplies – Yesenia Argueta - website is up, fliers out. You can order supplies now. Other parents suggested for rising 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders – let them know it's a technology year. Sales on laptops/Chromebooks in early August; if families feel so inclined, they can purchase a laptop or Chromebook before school starts. A Chromebook may be what you really need as in 5<sup>th</sup> grade you use google docs and internet.

VIII. New Business- FCPS Boundaries – possibly looking to change MRES from split feeder to Luther Jackson MS and Thoreau MS to a single feeder with all our students going to Thoreau. Soonest anything could change is 2018-'19 school year. Principal Heiges thinks this would be very positive for our school. If you have input on this please let her know. She'd love to hear from you and what your thoughts are.

IX. Old Business- None at this time

X. Meeting Adjourned at 8:13pm.

Next PTA Meeting is on June 2 with Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast @ 9:20

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**Checklist:**

- JOIN the PTA! <http://marshallroadpta.org/join>
- DONATE to Friends of Marshall Road! <http://marshallroadpta.org/direct-donations>
- SIGN UP for ENews! <http://marshallroadpta.org/news/subscribe-to-eneews/>
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