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PLC AT MDCPS PTA MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2013 MEETING

Call to Order: The meeting of the PLC at MDCPS PTA was held in the cafeteria of the Miami-Dade County Public School's iPrep Academy. President Sandra Seals called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Quorum: A Quorum of ten (10) was established. See attached sign in sheet.

Welcome and Introduction: Ms. Seals welcomed all members and attendees and allowed the PTA Officers to introduce themselves: Stacey Zuazo, Vice-President, Natacha Janssens, Vice-President, Michelle Hoyos, Treasurer and Alice Raval, Communications Secretary. Karon Coleman, Recording Secretary, was out sick.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 20, 2013 meeting were presented for approval by Sandra Seals, President.

MOTION: The minutes were moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Hoyos, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. There is \$16,794.00 in the PTA's bank account, with several outstanding obligations such as the wages to the Enhancement Care Teachers and there is still \$540.00 credit that the teachers have not used from the Think of Out the Box Grants. There is also \$200.00 in the Sunshine Fund. That leaves a balance of \$7,074.02 that is available.

MOTION: To amend the 2012-2013 Budget and ratify expenditure of \$274.33 for the rental of the Coral Reef Yacht Club for the PTA Parent Workshop on Conscious Discipline. The motion was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

PTA Grant Award to PLC Teachers: Ms. Seals announced that the PTA had raised enough money to make a second round of "Think Out of the Box Grants." She made the following motion:

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MOTION: To amend the 2012-13 Budget to Grant "Think Out of the Box" grants to Dr. Marcia Bosseler in the amount of \$300.00; and to the Primary Learning Center's Spanish Teacher, Music Teacher, Art Teacher, Physical Education Teacher and Special Education Teacher in the amount of \$150.00 each. The motion was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Audit Committee Update: Ms. Seals announced that we have Audit Committee composed of Aileen Fan, Jose Abraham Gomez and Ganesh Ranganathan. Karon Coleman and Michelle Hoyos will follow up the committee. The Audit Committee will give its report at the April 24th PTA meeting.

Keenan Smith: Ms. Seals shared that Keenan Smith, a Kindergarten student, was hit by an SUV while walking with his grandfather. He was in the ICU at Jackson Memorial Hospital, but he went home yesterday. The PTA delivered a care package w/ food, big balloon and a stuffed teddy bear w/ a PLC T-Shirt. His family was very thankful for the support from the PTA. Keenan is improving and they expect a good recovery.

There have been several inquiries about setting up a fund to support Keenan and his family. The PTA is unable to do so because it is not independent, but is only a component of the national PTA. However, efforts are being made to do something to assist the family such as a collection box. More information will be available after Spring Break. Also, Ms. Seals shared that Walter, a After School Care Teacher was also hit by a car while driving on his motorcycle.

MOTION: To Amend 2012-13 Budget and ratify the expenditure of \$75.24 for the gifts given to Keenan Smith -- \$37.00 for food and balloon from Publix and \$38.00 for the Stuffed Bear from Toys R Us. The motion was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee Update: Ms. Seals introduced Treska Rodgers, Chair of the Nominating Committee. Ms. Rodgers introduced the members of the Nominating Committee: Debra Albo-Steiger, Nikki Hughes, Claudia Reynoso and Natacha Janssens. She thanked them for their time and hard work. Ms. Rodgers advised that anyone who wanted to be nominated or wanted to nominate someone could place the nomination form in the box at the front entrance of the

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school; the Committee would accept all nominations whenever it was submitted. Ms. Rodgers thanked the current PTA Board for everything they have done over the past year and for helping with the nomination process.

There is a "Meet and Greet" of the nominating candidates on April 10th. The elections will be on the 24th at the PTA meeting. A question was asked whether it was necessary to be present on April 24th to be elected. It was agreed that this question was to be researched and answered.

Upcoming important Dates: Alice Raval announced the upcoming events:

Family Day Picnic at History Virginia Key Beach--Saturday April 13th, 2013
Meet & Greet Candidates for PTA Officer Positions- Wednesday, April 10, 2013
PTA Officer Elections -- April 24, 2013
Bylaws Amendments --April 24, 2013
Audit Committee Report -- April 24, 2013
Annual (Final) PTA meeting -- April 24, 2013.

Special Thanks: Ms. Seals gave a special thanks to: Ms. Mir for the Parent Workshop; Ms. Nikki Hughes for the Beauty Bash; Ganesh Ranganathan for help in the After Care Enhancement Program; Denise Glinn, AKA "Shirt Lady"; and Deb Albo-Steiger with the Box Tops Program. Uniform Shirts have been sold expect for one.

Uniform Shirts for Next Year: Tanya Nieto-Winzey ask about purchasing uniform shirts for next year because of the name change and new logo. Ms. Diaz said it would not be possible to use the existing shirts for next year. The name change needs to go through first then they will get the new logo. If new logo does not come in time to order the uniform shirts maybe patches can be used instead of the new logo or send the logo to Ibiley and order shirts from them.

Ms. Seals thanked Ms. Diaz for coming. Ms. Diaz was unable to speak because she had lost her voice and was not feeling well.

Parents Night Out: Betina Bak is the chair for the Parents Night Out Committee. It is still unsure when or if it will take place. If so, the possible dates will be April 27th or May 5th. More information to follow.

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Beauty Bash: Nikki Hughes reminded everyone about the online Beauty Bash. There are several raffles and prizes to be had. The orders can be delivered to the PTA meeting on April 24th at no charge or they can be delivered to your home or office.

iPrep Academy: Ms. Seals introduce Ms. Nasar, Assistant Principal of the iPrep Academy and thanked her for allowing us to use the iPrep cafeteria. Ms. Nasar gave a brief overview of iPrep Academy, explaining that it began three years ago with only 11th and 12th graders. The second year, it was 9th graders and 12th graders and this year, it is 9th and 10th graders. There are approximately 134 students. It is anticipated that there will be an additional 100 students next year, of 9th, 10th and 11th graders. The goal is to keep the school small.

The school is recognized as a Magnet School of Excellence, a national recognition that the school applied for . It received an “A” rating from the State of Florida. It has the highest rating for geometry, second highest rating for reading and biology (tied) in the School District.

It is considered a career magnet. Classes are all honors and Advanced Placement. Students must have a 2.5 GPA, good attendance and conduct, and must have taken algebra and physical sciences in 8th grade to be able to attend. Students must maintain all A's, B's, C's in to remain at iPrep. The school has a mandatory internship in the 11th and 12th grades. The learning is student centered/focused learning. They use a lot of Florida Virtual School content. All students receive a laptop to use for the school year. Ms. Nasar introduced some of the iPrep teachers who had the opportunity to speak.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned to allow for a tour of the iPrep Academy.

Adopted by the PLC at MDCPS PTA membership on the _____ day of _____, 2013.

Karon M. Coleman, Recording Secretary
with grateful assistance from Stacey Zuazo,
Vice President.