

## PLC of MDCPS PTA

### MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2011 MEETING

Call to Order: The meeting of the PLC of MDCPS PTA was held in the Primary Learning Center Cafeteria , Miami, FL 33132 on February 15, 2011. The meeting was called order at 4:45 pm.

Quorum: A quorum of ten was established.

Minutes:

The minutes of the September 20, 2010 were presented and moved by Karon Coleman, Secretary, and seconded by Jordan Levin, Vice-President. The minutes were approved.

Ms. Levin announced the First Annual Potluck Picnic at Historic Virginia Key Beach Park on Saturday, April 2, 2011. The announcement was well-received and the details were discussed, including having a parent-representative available to facilitate participation from each class. Tanya Nieto, Natacha Janssens, Laura Seminario, Karen England, and Monique Bryant all volunteered to serve as parent-representatives.

There was discussion of the development of a Media Center for the PLC. Dr. Elias suggested the idea of an iPad for each child, allowing each child to have an individualized library in addition to hard copy books for each classroom's library. She also indicated that the future plans for the PLC did not include a space for a physical library.

Alice Mensch Raval informed the members that the development of a media center was one of the top concerns of parents who participated in the PTA's survey earlier in the school year. Another parent, who is also a School Board employee, suggested that the school system may have limited resources to staff a Media Center even if one was created. Further discussion ensued about exploring the possibility of ebooks as well as hard copies for classroom libraries.

It was decided that the PTA would form a Media Center Exploration Committee. The following members volunteered to serve on the committee: Mark Wojak; Monique Bryant; Sandra Seals; Michelle Hoyos; and Alice Raval. They would give a report at the April 7, 2011 meeting.

The idea of a Book Exchange between families was suggested. The members present supported the idea. Children would bring a book from home to share with their classmates; and in turn, would take a book home. Jordan Levin, Cassandra Holmes, and Natacha Janssens volunteered to develop the idea. Mark Wojak and Sandra Seals offered to donate baskets to their children's class for the books to be placed.

Alice Mensch Raval discussed a few fundraising ideas -- Target credit card; and Spend for Ed. It was decided that a Fundraising Committee should be formed to explore different fundraising ideas. Christine Iuliano, Tangela Smith and Cassandra Holmes volunteered to serve on this committee.

Tanya Nieto gave the Food & Snack Advisory Committee report. She reported that the committee had met with the Food and Nutrition Department Director regarding their concerns. Solutions were limited because the PLC lacks a working kitchen. The Committee encouraged more water consumption/more opportunities for water consumption and more fruits, vegetables and multigrain bread.

Alice Mensch gave a report on the PTA's new website --- [www.plcpta.wordpress.com](http://www.plcpta.wordpress.com).

Dr. Elias gave an update on the PLC. By April 2011, there should be two additional classrooms across the hall, a clinic and a cafeteria. The room being currently used as a cafeteria would become a resource room. It would be used by professionals such as a social worker and psychologist for working with students. The expansion to second grade is on schedule. The building is also to be used for middle school and high school; iPrep Academy will be grades 9-12 next school year.

Dr. Elias also announced the installation of video conference equipment so as to allow the students to communicate with other students throughout the world.

The first graders will be sitting for the SATs on April 12-13. The kindergarten students will be participating in the Star Early Literary Assessment, where they will be assigned an independent reading level and will be given books to match their reading level.

There was a discussion about being able to evaluate the performance of PLC students to other students throughout the school district and the state. Because the school was so new, it was hard to do comparisons at this juncture.

Corina Esquijarosa gave the financial report: \$36 in the account with a lot of deposits pending.

There was a request to pay for the bus to Parrot Jungle. The cost was \$34. There was a motion to approve such payment. It was seconded and approved by the members present.

Karon Coleman gave the Audit Report for FY 2009-2010 on behalf of the Audit Committee. Ms. Coleman moved to accept the report and it was seconded by Samantha Seminario and approved by the membership present.

Ms. Esquijarosa recognized all the volunteers who had helped with various activities -- Alice Mensch with the website; Karen England with the After School Rewards Program;

Jacqueline White with the Student of the Month Program; and Tia Harvey and Juliet Pinto with the Audit Committee.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.

Adopted by the PLC of MDCPS PTA membership on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2011.

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Corina Esquijarosa, President

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Karon M. Coleman, Secretary

Approved as:

Presented: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_