

## PLC of MDCPS PTA

### MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2011 MEETING

**Call to Order:**The meeting of the PLC of MDCPS PTA was held in the MDCPS Auditorium, Miami, FL 33132 on September 8, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 4:41 pm.

**Quorum:** A quorum of ten was established. See attached sign in sheet.

**Minutes.** The minutes of the May 26, 2011 were presented and moved by Sandra Seals, Secretary, and seconded. The minutes were approved & ratified.

**Annual Enrollment of Members.** Alice Raval discussed the importance of PTA membership. Participation is currently at 25%. The goal is 100% membership. She also informed parents about the PLC PTA website. She stated that the goal of the PTA is to go “paperless” on all communication. Parents were asked to make sure that the PTA had their e-mail contact information for efficient and “paperless” future communication.

**Treasurer Report.** Michelle Hoyos, Treasurer presented the current status of the PTA budget. Current revenues are approximately \$12,000.00 and current expenses are approximately \$12,000.00. Revenues are earned from: PTA Membership, uniform shirt sales, after school enhancement program, PTA annual picnic and bake sales. Ms. Hoyos shared the PTA’s vision of “thinking out of the box” in terms of fundraising and creative ways to support the great teachers at PLC.

**Motion:** Board authorization to expend funds on September/October expenses, such as Quickbooks, National PTA Dues and Sunshine Fund. The Motion was presented and moved by Michelle Hoyos and seconded by Natacha Janssens. The Motion was approved.

**Upcoming Events.** Presented by Jordan Levin, PTA President. Ms. Levin discussed the PTA After School Enhancement Program. Program activities are: French, Chorus, Karate, Dance and Creative Movement. Parents were thanked for their support of the new program and encouraged to get involved. It was emphasized that the PTA wants to support the wishes and desires of the PLC parent community. It was announced that there were a few spaces remaining and parents had until the end of the evening for last minute registration of their children. After School Enhancement Program Registration packets were handed out to interested parents.

**New Business:**

**Vote:** Natacha Janssens - The 2011-2012 PTA Calendar was presented and moved by Natacha Janssens, Vice President, seconded by Jordan Levin. The Motion was approved.

**Committees:** Alice Raval introduced the various PTA Sub-Committees. Parents were invited to sign-up for a committee of interest during the PTA meeting. Sign-up sheets were available.

- 1) Homeroom Parents Liaison – PTA Contract, Natacha Janssens. The following parents volunteered to serve as Homeroom Parents: Pk – Mrs. Rosas, Stacey Valdez- Zuazo, Pk – Ms. Hernandez, Betina Hansen, K-Mrs. Rosario, Clarena Teskie, K-Mrs. Duarte – Tanya Nieto-Winzey, Grade 1 – Mrs. Lopez, Paola Corcelli, Grade 1 – Ms. Estevez, Laura Seminario, Grade 2 – Mrs. Rosario, Matthew Sabatella
- 2) Fundraising Committee – PTA Contact, Jordan Levin.
- 3) Annual Potluck Picnic Committee – PTA Contact, Alice Raval. Alice Raval donated the Pavilion Rental at Virginia Key Beach for the annual potluck picnic.

**Call for Volunteers and recognition of previous volunteers:**

Jordan Levin emphasized the importance of committees and encouraged people to sign-up. Previous volunteers were recognized and thanked. Back to school fundraiser: Karen England and Lucy Allegro. Uniform sales: Evelyn Gigiras, Karon Coleman and Dianne Fernandez. New Parent Orientation bake sale June 1<sup>st</sup>: Chanda Carrol, Lucy Allegro, Karon Coleman, Laura Seminario, Tanya Nieto, Karen England and Box tops for education: Debra Albo-Steiger.

PLC Update: Presented by Dr. Elias Miranda – Administrative Director. Dr. Miranda opened by thanking the PTA for all their work. She announced that the PLC is currently at full capacity with 124 students. There are 245 students on the waiting list to attend the PLC. She followed with an update on what’s happening with the PLC:

- The PLC now has “Story Hour” available for families who do not need the full aftercare program that runs until 6:00pm. Story Hour will operate from the end of the school day until 3:00pm. The cost is \$20.00/week. This will allow children to participate in after school activities that are held between 2:15pm and 3:00pm.
- The new cafeteria is under construction and due to be completed by the end of September.
- PLC will now have a clinic with a full-time nurse.
- Assessments – students will be receiving assessments in the social, academic and emotional areas. Students are assessed at the beginning, middle and end of the academic school year. The data gathered will guide teacher instruction of the students.

- Video Conference Equipment – Thanks to a grant from the Kellogg Foundation, PLC was able to purchase new Video Conference Equipment to promote curriculum on “Multi-cultural Anti-bias Education”. PLC students will video conference with children from around the world where they will be able to share nursery rhymes, virtual curriculum, etc.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students will start receiving Art, Music and Physical Education.
- Students will have visual fieldtrips. The staff will receive Professional Development on digital maps.
- Students will have electronic portfolios.
- All grade levels will participate in the program with NASA.
- Students will have many exciting and educational field trips, such as the upcoming trip on October 5<sup>th</sup> to Fairchild Tropical Gardens.
- PLC will be part of Miami-Dade County’s Cultural Passport Program. The children will take field trips to places that involve cultural arts activities.
- PLC will send home Monthly calendars with suggested activities and schedule updates such as field trips. Parents were advised to check the calendars regularly.
- Communication between the school can be done via e-mails, e-connect and messages in the student’s book bag.
- There are plans for a Playground expansion towards the end of the year.
- Healthier meals are being offered to the students at the PLC.

In closing, Dr. Elias welcomed parents to the PLC, encouraged parents to become as engaged as possible, to spend 5-10 minutes of quality time asking children, “what did you learn today”. She further urged parents to read a story to your child and then ask them to talk about the characters, ask them what is the story about...these exercises will help make your child a better reader and will foster a love of learning.

Good and Welfare – Jordan Levin, PTA President closed out the meeting by opening the floor to parents offer suggestions for the PTA and to ask questions. Ideas presented by parents included:

1. a silent auction where parents donate a service and other parents bid on that service. The proceeds would be given to the PTA.
2. inviting the food trucks to the school during lunch time...some trucks donate a portion of their time/food and whatever is earned could be given to the PTA.
3. Allow parents to purchase bricks which could be incorporated into the new playground design.

The PTA agreed to research the suggestions with the assistance of parent volunteers.

Adjournment:           The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

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

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Sandra M. Seals, Secretary

Approved as:

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

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