

PLC of MDCPS PTA

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2011
MEETING

Handouts: Agenda and Minutes from October 25, 2011 Meeting.

Call to Order: The meeting of the PLC of MDCPS PTA was held in the MDCPS PLC Cafeteria. The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the October 25, 2011 were presented and moved by Sandra Seals, PTA Secretary. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Hoyos, PTA Treasurer, presented a brief budget report, with the main focus on the funds raised from the family picnic that was held on Saturday November 5, 2011. This fundraiser was extremely successful and raised \$1,584.00 for the PTA; \$115.00 from the picnic drawing, \$370 from "small" families, \$135 from "large" families, \$200 in sponsorships and \$384 in t-shirt sales. The PTA currently has \$7,000 in the bank which means the PTA has successfully raised enough funds to review a grant award to the school. This will be explored within the next month.

In response to a question raised by a parent, Ms. Hoyos agreed to have a hardcopy of the budget available at the next PTA meeting for review by the PTA membership.

After School Enhancement Program:

Enhancements made to the after school program was presented. An Afterschool Enhancement Committee will be coordinated and will take over responsibility for the after school enhancement program. PTA Vice President, Natacha Janssens volunteered to Chair the new committee.

Parents were thanked for making the After School Enhancement Program such a success by registering their kids in the program. Natacha described that from January to May 2012, there will be 2 mini-sessions offered to keep the after school classes affordable. There will be a mini-session A and a mini-session B. Mini-session A will begin in January. Other improvements made to the program include: increasing chorus from once/per week to 2 times/week, offering more physical sports options for kids of all ages, including the pre-k aged children. Ms. Janssens also announced that she'll no longer be teaching French due to work commitments. However, a great new French teacher has been selected. She is very good and has 20 years of experience in teaching.

One parent asked how are the after school enhancement program teachers selected. Dr. Elias responded that first the PTA Board identifies instructors who have a good reputation and prior experience, the instructors are then interviewed by the PLC staff,

including Mrs. Lopez and Dr. Elias. If approved by PLC, instructors are then fully “background checked” and “finger printed” before being approved to teach in the after school enhancement program. The PTA Board informed parents that if they had other recommendations for instructors for the after school enhancement program, to please contact the PTA.

There were 2 motions:

Motion: to allow the PLC PTA to offer the After School Enhancement Classes as a discount rate to students with free and reduced lunch status. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

Motion: to allow the PLC PTA authorization to expend up to \$250.00 for needed materials for the After School Enhancement Program, Spring 2012_Mini Session A. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

PLC Holiday Show:

It was announced that the holiday show would be held on Thursday December 15, 2011 at 9:00am for PreK - K and Friday December 16, 2011 at 9:00am for 1st and 2nd grades. The holiday show will include performances from each classroom along with a brief performance from Chorus and Arts for Learning.

Motion: Sandra Seals presented a motion to provide the PTA authorization to expend \$150.00 for a pianist for the end of the year show on 12/15/11 and 12/16/11. THE MOTION WAS DENIED.

Parents stated that they did not want PTA funds to be used to pay for a pianist for the performance and would prefer to hear the children's voices without the piano accompaniment.

Box Tops for Education Update:

Debra Albo-Steiger provided an update on the Box Tops for Education fundraising effort. All parents were encouraged to participate. Ms. Steiger emphasized that it is quite easy, simply cut the box tops from many everyday items that can be found in the home and then turn the box tops in. Depending on participation, thousands of dollars can be raised for the PLC through this effort. She also encouraged parents to consider getting a “Target Red Card”. Every time this card is used, a small percentage of funds are given to the PLC.

Old/New Business:

Jordan Levin recognized all of the volunteers and “thanked” them for all of their hard work. There was also a special thanks to the Picnic Committee who did a fabulous job in organizing the picnic. The annual family picnic was a huge success. Parents and children alike had a lot of fun and the door prizes were great.

Primary Learning Center Update:
Provided by Dr. Elias and Mrs. Lopez

Dr. Elias opened by thanking the board on all of its activities. She said that the PTA board is always there for PLC staff. She announced the holiday show scheduled for December 15th, 2011 for Pre K – K and December 16th, 2011 for 1st-2nd grades. She said that the PLC will definitely have a 3rd class in the fall 2012!!

Mrs. Lopez announced that the PLC will be implementing a mandatory requirement for parents to provide volunteer hours. The requirement will be 10 hours per family per academic school year. More information about the PLC volunteer requirement will be sent home to parents.

Good and Welfare – Jordan Levin, PTA President closed out the meeting and thanked parents for their participation.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Adopted by the PLC of MDCPS PTA membership on this ____ day of _____ 2012.

Sandra M. Seals, Secretary

Approved as:

Presented: _____ Date: _____

or

Corrected: _____ Date: _____