

PLC of MDCPS PTA
MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2012
MEETING

Handouts: Agenda and Minutes from December 13, 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 4:33pm.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the December 13, 2011 were presented and moved by Sandra Seals, PTA Secretary. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Hoyos, PTA Treasurer, presented a Treasurer's Report (copy was handed out). The Treasurer's Report was for the period May 1, 2011 to February 2012:

Total Income: \$23,636.36
Total Expenses: \$17,285.00
Total Donations: 4,290.00

There was a round of applause for the great work of the PTA membership for having great success in fundraising this academic school year!

Jordan Levin announced that the PTA was very excited to award the PLC a grant in the amount of \$4,000 for the following:

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| Thinking Out of the Box Grant | \$1,400 (\$200 per each teacher) |
| Double the size of classroom libraries | \$2,100 (\$300 for each class) |
| Science Teacher Grant | <u>500</u> |
| TOTAL | \$4,000 |

Primary Learning Center Update:

Mr. Carvalho opened by introducing the architectural team hired to undertake the expansion plans for the PLC building as a result of the anticipated growth in school enrollment in the 2012/2013 academic school year. The Chief Facilities Officer overseeing all expansion work is a PLC parent, Mr. Victor Alonso. The architectural team brought architectural renderings which enabled parents to see the proposed expansion plans for the PLC. Renovations include:

For the 2012/2013 school year:

- Reduce the size of the existing parking lot and enlarge the playground
- Install a hard court play area

- Install an area for a garden
- Add enhancements to the cafeteria

For the 2013-2014 school year:

- Close off the street in front of the PLC
- Further expansion of the playground

Dr. Elias continued the PLC update by announcing, the PLC is growing! There will be one additional class added to Pk, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade. There will also be a new class of 3rd Graders. Therefore, beginning in the fall 2012, there will be 3, Pk classes; 3, kindergarten classes; 3, first grade classes; 2, second grade classes and 1, 3rd grade class. Dr. Elias further stated that new students will be selected via the Lottery/Random Selection Process with priority given to siblings.

PLC Teachers Grant Awards:

Virtually all of the teachers were present at the meeting to personally offer their thanks and to share some ideas on how they plan on using the funds they were granted. Those who were absent prepared a letter to be read in their absence.

ALL of the teachers were very thankful for the \$4,000 grant award that the PLC PTA awarded to them. Many said it was an honor to receive the funds. The teachers presented many creative and different proposals on how the funds would be spent:

- expand classroom library with books on different topics for different levels of reading
- purchase math literature
- Create a Reader's Theatre with costumes
- Create a listen and learn corner with music
- Increase books of literature and math
- Purchase a CORE Standards text
- Purchase accelerated reader books for advanced readers. Add a poetry collection. Purchase non-fiction science books.
- Incorporate teaching through cooking such as measuring and understanding recipes; kids can eat what they learn
- Social studies in a creative way
- Purchase "Time Magazine for Kids" Subscription

Dr. B. – announced that she had never received money for science. She plans to purchase magnets, thermometers, and activities to teach life, physical and earth science.

Dr. Elias stated that the PLC PTA Board is the most organized she has seen in her 32 years in the school system. The Board thanked her for the compliment.

- Parents were also encouraged to donate books that their kids have outgrown to the school.
- Flickers School Assessment Scores – PLC received 100% on Kindergarten Readiness. This is a huge accomplishment!
- April 27 will begin the week of the Young Child. There will be an International Parade at PLC. Save the date. The parade will be 10:00am-1:00pm.
- SATs will be held April 10 to April 13th for kindergarten through 2nd grade. Teachers will send home packets for kids to practice. The SATs will be on Math and Reading.

Nominating Committees:

Volunteers for Nominating Committee were requested. The role of the Nominating Committee is to nominate one person for each office to be filled and report its nominees at the election meeting which will be held on April 24, 2012. The Committee will oversee the entire election process, including circulating flyers and e-mails to the PLC community notifying them the nominations are open and presenting a slate of candidates for election at the April 24th Board Meeting for election. Tanya Nieto, Denis Glinn, Stacy McGhee, Deb Steiger and Laura Seminario volunteered.

Audit Committee:

Volunteers for the Audit Committee were requested. The role is to gather financial information and data from the Treasurer to perform an audit of the books. At least 3 volunteers are needed to form the Audit Committee. Laura Seminario, Karon Coleman, and Eileen Fan volunteered.

After School Enhancement Program:

Deadline to enroll in the Spring 2012 Mini-Session B is 3/29/12. Any checks presented for payment will not be deposited until 4/2/12. In the past, 60% of students enrolled in the PLC Aftercare program participate in the After School Enhancement Program. The After School Enhancement Program is seeking volunteers to move furniture and other minor assignments that assist the after school teachers in conducting their classes. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Natacha Janssens.

Motion: To give the PTA authorization to spend up to \$250.00 for costs associated with Spring 2012 Mini-Session B. The motion was approved.

Fundraising Activities:

The next PTA PLC Fundraising Event will be held on Saturday 3/31/12 in the PLC Parking Lot. The Food Trucks / Flea Market event will be free of charge and open to the public. There will be activities for the children, food trucks, face painting and several vendors with crafts to sell. Parents are asked to donate gently used items such as furniture, clothing, books, etc to the PTA in order to sell at the event. The proceeds of the sale of all donated items will benefit the PTA. Evelyn Sullivan is the point person for the event. Fundraising Committee members are: Bettina Bak, Deb Steiger, Stacey Valdes-Zuazo and Christina Infante.

Another future fundraising activity will be the sale of tickets to the upcoming Lion King production at the Adrienne Arsht Center. More information to follow.

Box Tops for Education: Deb Steiger announced that \$320.00 was raised from Box Tops! Great Job! Parents are encouraged to keep up the good work and “bring in those box tops”.

School Uniform Shirts: – Volunteers were requested to take the lead in researching and selecting a new company to purchase the school uniforms. The PTA requires at least 3 bids from shirt vendors. Stacey Zuazo and Denise Glinn volunteered to take the lead.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 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: _____