

PTSA meeting
November 13, 2018

President Lori Scherr welcomed everyone to the meeting at approximately 6:32 pm. She reminded everyone to sign in, read the mission statement of the PTA and introduced the board members.

Principal's report:

Mrs. LaGrange welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. She mentioned that the representatives from the architect firm and the builders for the new Tilden would be presenting at 7:00 pm.

Mrs. LaGrange remarked that we have finished the 1st marking period and held an open schedule conference day on Monday that was well received by parents. She thought it went well even if there were lines at times to speak with teachers. She reminded the membership that Wednesday, November 21st, the school would be engaged with Tilden Day of Caring, an opportunity for students and parents to participate in community service projects. Our enrollment has reached 1,000 students and is expected to be at 1,300 by the time we move into the new facility. Mrs. LaGrange introduced Mr. Lear, the principal intern that will be taking over in 6 weeks for January and February. Mrs. LaGrange will be helping out at Luxmanor ES until March 1st.

President's report:

Lori briefly reviewed the upcoming events.

Nov 21st: Tilden Day of Caring
Nov 28th: Silver Diner FUNdraiser Dine out, 5:30-9:00
Dec 1st: Barnes & Noble Book Fair, 9:00-9:00 pm
Dec 19th: Staff Appreciation Desserts
Jan 15th: PTSA meeting with guest speaker, Pela Soto from Capital Poison Control Center speaking about household hazards, drugs of abuse and e-cigarettes.
Jan 17: Paint Nite, 6:30-9:00

Michelle Freund asked for minutes from last meeting to be reviewed and approved. A motion was made and passed.

Budget

Michele Wisniewski reviewed the budget. A motion to increase the budget for the Science Olympiad was discussed because there has been a large increase in the number of students participating. They will form two teams this year. The increase was approved.

MCCPTA

MCCPTA Rep, Joanna Mayo, reported that at the September & October meetings the discussion was mostly gauged towards elementary schools but at the last meeting a discussion was held about development of the new curriculum.

Fundraising

Lori reported that the dine out fundraisers have been a success.

Each one has brought more \$ than last year. Approximately \$1,100 combined from Baskin & Robbins, Chipotle, Tutti Frutti and Silver Diner

Directories will be sent home next week with students. Links to order spirit wear have been sent by email. You may also get order forms from the office. Orders should be received by November 30th. We do not have financials on the book fair yet but it was viewed as a success.

Membership

We have 484 members currently--compared to 270 last year

Cluster Reps

Abbe Milstein and Sheri Weiss reported on cluster activities. Abbe described some very important changes that were approved to Policy FAA that will have broad range implications for our community. The Board of Education voted to approve these changes in September of this year. Abbe reported that she spoke at the meeting as a member of an advisory panel and conveyed that the community did not have ample opportunity to review and comment on this policy change but the advisory panel participants from MCPS disagreed. There are 3 major changes to Policy FAA. The Board of Ed removed the opportunity for broad community input, the Board of Ed removed straight articulation & school choice and the Board of Ed put boundaries into question by removing their requirement from the policy. The newly revised Policy FAA is designed to address concerns such as achievement gap, racial and economic integration and diversity. Abbe and Lori said they would be setting up a meeting in December for the PTSA members to discuss these changes with somebody from the Board of Education. The links below can be accessed to view the policy document with the changes and the discussion.

[https://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/mcpsmd/Board.nsf/files/B4QJUU4ED7D8/\\$file/Attachment%20A%20Pol%20FAA%20Comm%20Rec%20Draft.pdf](https://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/mcpsmd/Board.nsf/files/B4QJUU4ED7D8/$file/Attachment%20A%20Pol%20FAA%20Comm%20Rec%20Draft.pdf)

and

<https://mcpsmd.swagit.com/play/09252018-504>

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Michelle Freund, Secretary