

PTSA meeting  
September 12, 2018

President, Lori Scherr, welcomed everyone to the meeting at approximately 7:15pm.  
Reminded everyone to sign in.

**Principal's report:**

Mrs. LaGrange welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. She thanked Ms. Kulpinski for her continued service on the PTSA as the faculty representative for the past 10-12 years. She credited the growing international languages (French and Chinese along with Spanish) program to Ms. Kulpinski. She introduced Mr. Lear as the Principal intern. He comes from Sligo as a veteran administrator. Mr. Lear will be taking over in January while Mrs. LaGrange will be assigned to Luxmanor. She is expected back around the 1st of March. Tilden continues to grow, enrollment close to 1,000 as of this week. Fortunately we are still able to accommodate this large number with adequate space and staff. Some faculty have retired and she is very excited about the energy with the new teachers that have come on board.

Mrs. LaGrange addressed some problems with overcrowding on buses and reassured the community that she continues to work with the Bus Depot and the county to alleviate these problems. She reported that the teardown and construction of the new Tilden facility is finally underway on Tilden Ln. and the expected move in date is Fall, 2020.

**Lori Scherr made introductions to the PTSA board.**

PTSA President Lori Scherr  
Vice President Jan Machen  
Vice President Sharon Plotnick  
Treasurer Michele Wisniewski  
Secretary Michelle Freund  
MCCPTA delegates Joanna Mayo and Sangita Pradhan

**Budget**

Michele reviewed the budget and explained how the spreadsheet is set up. Rachel Manchester discussed the need for a line item of \$500 dedicated to the Tilden Day of Caring in addition to the line for the Charity Basketball game (proceeds from this go to Tilden Day of Caring). Abbe Milstein made a motion to make this change and to approve budget. This was seconded by Becky Wagenaar Miler and unanimously approved.

**MCCPTA**

Nothing new to share since the school year just started and they haven't had their first meeting.

### **Cluster Reps**

Abbe Milstein and Sheri Weiss reported on cluster activities. Nermine Demopoulos is one of three cluster coordinators. They will be seeking input from the membership throughout the year. Testimony to the county council on the CIP budget will be taking place on November 8th and 12th. They will ask that members from our cluster show up in support. The CIP budget is related to operating expenses for Montgomery County schools. The council has voted to reopen Woodward high school to accommodate overcrowding at Walter Johnson. The current Tilden school will be the site and the earliest opening would be the 2022/2023 school year. Currently no feasibility study is in motion. Approximately 12-18 months prior to opening, a boundary study would be done. The expectation that equivalent programs would be available at both WJ and the new high school. There has been a proposal to rename the school after Josiah Henson, a well known enslaved abolitionist from this area. Of course the Woodward name represents Judge Woodward, an important person behind desegregation of schools so there may be some reluctance to changing the name. We are expected to get a 7th elementary school in the future and the Board of Ed voted to use the Grosvenor holding area as the space. Abbe reported that there was an important meeting in July where issues of mental health, gun violence etc. were discussed. Local reps from the county and state were present. In June the MD Safe to Learn Act of 2018 went into effect. A substantial grant has been awarded to our county to address safety issues. A resource officer will be present in high schools and available to surrounding schools. Mrs. LaGrange extended her gratitude for all of the hard work Abbe does with the county and state on our community's behalf.

### **Fundraising**

Lori described the number of fundraisers that will be taking place throughout the year. Dates and times are available on the Tilden PTSA website. There will be a Barnes & Noble book fair in addition to 5-6 dine out opportunities. Paint night which was a success last year will be offered again this year. A maximum number of 45 participants for this event so sign up early. Paint Night will be January 17th at the school. Family ice skating night will be March 8th at Cabin John ice rink.

### **Retail Incentives**

Jan discussed the various retail incentives programs and encouraged all to sign up and/or update their designated school. Box Tops can be turned into the office. Please email Jan if you have ideas or information for other programs.

### **Committees**

Lori briefly described the number of committees and introduced the committee chairs. Also encouraged others to join a committee. Mrs. LaGrange thanked the PTSA for the staff luncheons and faculty meeting snacks that the PTSA provides. She pointed out that the staff are very dedicated and hard working and the food is really appreciated by all.

Lori reminded volunteers that they are to sign in to the binder in the Main office. They are also expected to take the MCPS child abuse and neglect safety module on the MCPS website before serving as a volunteer. The training is good for two years.

**New Business:**

Abbe thanked Lori for her dedication to the Tilden community.

Next PTSA meeting will be November 13th. Members new to the community are invited to come at 6:30 for a meet and greet before the meeting begins at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Michelle Freund, Secretary