



MBMS PTA General Board Meeting

Friday, February 10, 2017

11:00 a.m., Room #105

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Ann Marie Whitney, Tracy Stickney, Jenny Sampson, Kelly Ho, Julie Sinai, Pennie Stepczyk, Kim Weller, Julie Johnson, Lora Penczar, Emily Macias, Jen Berlinger, Amy Mc Avin, Sarah Brown, Joni Ramallo, Lynn Honda, Jill Levine, Madeleine Court, Michelle Collins, Erin Keller, Brandi Samuelian, Lisa Hardimon, Liz Glozman, and Erin Fleming.

Call to Order at 11:07 a.m.

Ann Marie Whitney

I. President's Report

Ann Marie Whitney

1. PTA Presidents/PTA Council/DAC Meeting recap
 - a. New Parent Ed Chairperson at MBUSD for more coordinated effort district wide.
 - b. Feedback on new winter break schedule was overall positive from teachers, students, and parents.
 - c. MCHS field project is underway and is expected to be completed by August 2017.
 - d. District is about to start renegotiation with the city on field use agreement. Most of the field space, excluding Marine and Village fields are owned by the school district and leased to the city. City is responsible for maintaining the fields and they lease it to various organizations. In comparison to other cities, our field space is much more valuable than what we are currently receiving. MBUSD is doing an analysis on what other cities are being compensated for field space. MBUSD receives half a million and other cities like Malibu receive upwards of 8-9 million.
 - e. Three new seats to be filled for city council. MBUSD would like us to pay close attention to those candidates who are in support of

various MBUSD issues. MBMS resource officer just recently filled after vacancy of 9 months-1 year.

- f. Board approved on full day kindergarten schedule.
- g. Inclusion Committee has had two meetings. The Inclusion Committee collaborated with The Not In Our Town Organization, a national organization that recognizes positive reactions to racial tensions. They did a documentary on the Clinton family incident, and Manhattan Beach. Liz Glozman and Lisa Hardimon are on this committee.
- h. The middle school math sequence: Change in math pathways. Went from testing at end of 5th grade to how students performed in Math 6. All incoming 6th graders currently take Math 6. Math 6 now with name change to Math 1. If students performed well, they can take Math 2/3 in 7th grade, and Algebra in 8th grade. Regular track has students taking algebra in 9th grade. Faculty feels Math 2/3 is a fast paced program and currently approximately 50% of 6th graders are on track for accelerated program. Students can still have chance to excel in high school by taking a math class during the summer. Criteria to go on accelerated pathway is determined by class grade and SBAC test results.
- i. Personalized learning metric: Brett Geithman introduced framework with ultimate goal of teachers doing individualized and/or small group learning at least once per month. Focus is on math, reading, and writing...but really on all subjects.
- j. Elementary report card changes this year. Had positive and negative feedback from both teachers and parents.
- k. New minimum day schedule at elementary school, which was two sets of weeks where students released at noon for testing and conferences. Received a lot of negative feedback so they will make changes for next year.
- L. Bond update: 21 applications received for Bond Oversight Committee, need 7. Need representative from a local tax paying authority.

II. Principal's Report

Ann Marie Whitney on behalf of Kim Linz

- 1. Math Night: to educate parents on revised math pathway. Date TBA.
- 2. After school supervision is being changed due to recent fights in Polliwog Park. Staff will be out monitoring students. Under Ed code, students are still in school day during times going to and from school.

3. Technology use is starting to re emerge. Changing library and other areas to silent study spaces.
4. Staff is already working on master schedule for next year.
5. Search dogs are routinely on MBMS campus. They come twice per month as a preventive measure to search for drugs, gunpowder and explosives.
6. No update on new Humanities teacher. Done at district level and is considered confidential. A consistent credentialed sub was placed in that classroom.
7. Social and Emotional Wellness Committee is up and running and teachers will be nominating students to serve on it.
8. MBUSD will be switching from PowerSchool to Aries. Aries is a much more broader based program, and will allow for transcripts.

III. VP of Fundraising

Jenny Sampson & Tracy Stickney

1. Looking for new Dining for Dollars Chairperson.
2. We collected a small check from CPK for Dining for Dollars.
3. Book Fair planned for April.
4. Tennis Open on April 2nd.
5. SCRIP raised \$17,000.00 and \$850.00 went to PTA.

IV. VP of Membership

Julie Sinai & Kelly Ho

1. Total PTA monies collected to date: \$212,628.00
2. PTA membership dollars to date: \$19,090.00
3. PTA donation dollars to date: \$193,538.00
4. Number of PTA memberships: 1,273
5. Number of families who have joined PTA: 866
6. Percentage of MBMS families who have joined PTA: 68%
7. Above numbers do not include corporation matching donations.

V. Secretary

Lynn Honda

1. Need updated attendance on last general meeting in November. Sarah Brown, and Ann Marie Whitney were not present.
2. Amendment to November PTA general board meeting minutes:
 - a. Add Erin Keller who seconded motion to approve October general meeting minutes as presented.
3. With those two adjustments, Lynn asked for a motion to approve the

November general board meeting minutes.

- Motion: Kim Weller made a motion to approve
- Seconded by: Emily Macias
- All in favor
- Motion passes

VI. Treasurer's Report

Amy Mc Avin, Sarah Brown, and Joni Ramallo

1. September Financial Report

- a. 86 checks written. Check ranges: 3452-3540
- b. Amy asked for a motion to approve the September Financial Reports as presented.
 - Motion: Jen Berlinger
 - Seconded by: Emily Macias
 - All in favor
 - Motion passes

2. October Financial Report

- a. Check ranges: 3541-3591
- b. Amy asked for a motion to approve the October Financial Reports as presented.
 - Motion: Tracy Stickney
 - Seconded by: Sarah Brown
 - All in favor
 - Motion passes

3. November Financial Report

- a. Check ranges: 3592-3646
- b. Amy asked for a motion to approve the November Financial Reports as presented.
 - Motion: Jen Berlinger
 - Seconded by: Jenny Sampson
 - All in favor
 - Motion passes

4. December Financial Report

- a. Check ranges: 3647-3676
- b. Amy asked for a motion to approve the December Financial Reports as presented.
 - Motion: Liz Glozman
 - Seconded by: Jenny Sampson
 - All in favor

- Motion passes

VII. VP of Communications

Brandi Samuelian

1. Nominating Committee: comprised of 5 people and 1 alternate to work on open executive board positions. One person from each elementary school will be represented on the committee. Also looking to fill committee chairs.

VIII. MBEF Representative

Jill Levine & Madeleine Court

1. Today is the last day of the annual appeal.
2. 63% of MBMS families have donated, which is approximately the same as last year.
3. An additional 31 people donated yesterday.
4. On par to finish the same as last year, which is 67%.
5. Chasing \$245,000.00.
6. Currently, 167 families contributed last year and not this year. 7 of those 31 families who donated yesterday were contributors last year.
7. Kim Linz did send an email but the URL was not correct. It will however take you to the MBEF page.

IX. Advocacy

Michelle Collins

1. City Council Candidate Forum: 02/24 at MCHS MPR at 9:30. From 8:30-9:15, coffee and bagels will be served in the teacher's lounge. Questions need to be submitted online or on a 3x5 card on the day but it will be subject to approval. 3 seats available with 8 candidates.

X. VP of Communications and Weekly Wave

Julie Johnson & Lora Penczar

1. No updates to report.

XI. VP of Student Wellness

Liz Glozman & Lisa Hardimon

1. We are trying to improve Families Connected website.
2. Parent Ed series with Debbie & Rocky Wilson is going well. Last one on 03/01 on substance abuse.
3. Social and Emotional Wellness Committee being started here at MBMS. Committee at MCHS is identifying stressors. MBMS committee will be

comprised of teachers, parents, staff, students, and wellness chairs.
First meeting will be today. Mission is to increase student resilience and empathy by identifying stressors in our school and community, reduce student levels of stress by providing support and access to resources.

4. Book Clubs with Margot Parker have been great. Next on is on 03/17. "Gift of Failure," is next book.
5. Need ideas to train people to look at Families Connected website.
Possible survey.

XII. Auditor

Erin Keller

1. Audit to be presented in another meeting.

XIII. Technology

Jen Berlinger

1. No updates to report.

XIV. VP of Programs

Emily Macias

1. The library coordinator for volunteers is not able to continue. Looking for a new coordinator.
2. Spring Mania: May 19. Chair is Brigitte Baker.

XV. VP of Volunteers

Pennie Stepczyk & Kim Weller

1. We have great volunteers!

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.