

Marshall Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization
Meeting Notes

January 7, 2020- 6:30 p.m.

School Library, Gifted Academy at Thurgood Marshall Elementary

- I. Call to order: 6:34 p.m.

- II. Roll call/ Intro-
 - A. Introductions skipped. In attendance: Monica Benolkin, Julia Kindler, Michelle Carlson, Sherry King, Julie Knutson, Shannon Thoms, Doreen Pierce, Kenneth Pierce, Melissa Kloc, Chris Alesandrini, Sara Alesandrini, Rachel Bagne, Carlos Ramos

- III. Reading of Approval of Minutes
 - A. Minutes from Month Board Meeting on December 3rd, 2019
 - B. Julia Kindler moves to approve minutes. Shannon Thoms 2nds. Minutes Approved

- IV. Reports of Officers
 - A. Co-Presidents' Report (Doreen Pierce)
 - a. Race For Education bottles- Bottle company sent samples of new bottles. None were good. Company refunding \$\$ for bottles.
 - b. Julia Kindler moves to approve. Shannon Thoms 2nds. Approved.
 - B. VP Report- No report
 - C. Secretary- no report
 - D. Treasurer's Report (Chris Alesandrini)
 - a. 34,100 in bank account. Probably high point of year. Race for Education- netted \$21,000 vs. budget of 18000 (that's good). \$7000 donated online. The rest via paper forms and mailed in. Turkey Bingo made \$517. Federal tax returns are filed. State return due this month.
 - b. Doreen Pierce moves to approve. Julia Kindler 2nds. Approved.
 - E. Principal/ School Administrator's Report- (Josh Rollins)
 - a. Barnes and Noble Book Fair went well. \$891.50 gift card for Barnes and Noble given to PTO. Basketball and cheerleading starting soon for 4th grade. Race Lunch scheduled for Friday for students with most labels.
 - b. Julia Kindler moves to approve. Melissa Kloc 2nds. Approved.
 - F. Grade Reps Report- No report
 - G. Parent at Large Report- No report

- V. Reports of Committees
 - A. Barnes and Noble
 - B. Family Fun Night (Melissa Kloc)

- a. Scheduled for January 24th, 6-8 p.m. Changing to “frosty fun night” with indoor snowball fight. Lighting in gym for winter and including photo booth. Games to be incorporated. Family Feud style game at end. Hot Cocoa and cookies the plan for now.
- b. Julia moves to approve. Rachel Bagne 2nd. Approve
- C. Love You a Whole Bunch Breakfast (Julia Kindler)
 - a. Tuesday, February 11th 7:45-8:55- Many aspects will be the same as last year. Need volunteers for that morning, would like 10-12. Event will be free. \$1/item suggested donation. Discussion concerning what \$\$ should be earmarked/ advertised for. Double check time because it goes into the school day.
 - b. Monica Benolkin moves to approve. Shannon Thoms 2nds. Approved.
- D. P/T Conferences (Shannon Thoms)
 - a. Fall conferences were Valli and Beef-a-Roo. Plans for Spring Conferences will be starting. Olive Branch has connection to middle school so looking into options.
 - b. Julia Kindler moves to approve. Doreen Pierce 2nds. Approved.
- E. Everyday Fundraising (Doreen Pierce for Shannon Bennett)
 - a. BoxTops- Bonus of \$53.20 to account for expired BoxTops. Chris says escrip from Schnucks still goes well (about \$1000).
 - b. Julia moves to approve. Julie Knutson 2nds. Approved.

VI. New Business (Doreen)

- A. Creation of 2020-2021 Executive Officers Nomination Committee:
 - a. By-laws (Article V, Section 2) say nominating committee needs 3 from executive board and 2 parents who are not on board, none of whom up for nomination. Committee will include: Doreen Pierce, Jessica Powell, and Julia Kindler (exec. board members) and Julie Girarden and Marjan Shirani (parents at large). Committee to nominate people for next year.
 - b. Julia Kindler moves to approve. Shannon Thoms 2nds. Approved.

VII. Announcements or Discussion at Large

- A. Volunteer Hours for December- 241 volunteer hours.
 - a. Volunteer of the Month- Julie Girardin

Adjourned at 7:15.

01/13/20 - Minutes drafted by Secretary for distribution