

# Marshall Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization

## Meeting Notes

March 3, 2020 - 6:30pm

*School Library, Gifted Academy at Thurgood Marshall Elementary*

### I. Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

1. Attendance: Doreen Pierce, Julia Kindler, Kenneth Pierce, Chris Alesandrini, Shannon Bennett, Jessica Powell, Shannon Thoms, Melanie Elliot

### II. Reading and Approval of Minutes

1. Monthly Board Meeting, February 4, 2020
2. Accepted via unanimous consent

### III. Reports of Officers

1. Co-Presidents' Report (Doreen Pierce, Kenneth Pierce)
  - I. none
2. Co-Vice Presidents' Report (Rachel Bagne, Shannon Thoms)
  - I. Yearbooks can be ordered online
  - II. Accepted via unanimous consent
3. Secretary's Report (Monica Benolkin)
  - I. None
4. Treasurer's/Assistant Treasurer's Report (Chris Alesandrini, Sara Alesandrini)
  - I. What should we do with Barnes & Noble gift cards (maybe birthday books for students?)
  - II. Large overage for the year, brainstorm ideas
  - III. Accepted via unanimous consent
5. Principal/School Administrators' Report (Jessica Powell)
  - I. Sensory path is installed, students enjoy it
  - II. Conferences went well, thanks PTO for the dinners
  - III. Mrs. Powell will be principal at the Middle School next year
  - IV. Accepted via unanimous consent
6. Grade Reps' Report (Kay Baer, Amanda Carlson, Melissa Kloc, Sherry King)
  - I. None
7. Parents' at Large Report (Michelle Carlson, Julia Kindler, Julie Knutson, Carlos Ramos)

- I. None

#### IV. Reports of Committees and Events

1. Family Fun Night (Melissa Kloc)
  - I. Event rescheduled from Jan 24 due to the possibility of inclement weather during event. Feb 6 date coincided with Middle School Valentine's dance but worked to our advantage as our event gave parents opportunity to stay on campus and have kids attend events on same night.
  - II. Borrowed coffee urns from Middle School for hot chocolate. Had enough cocoa and marshmallows to serve all that wanted it.
  - III. Photo booth pictures went well...Lighting for gym was amazing.
  - IV. Snowballs were HUGE hit. Some concerns over hoarding of snowballs but kids seemed to have fun. Purchased 400 snowballs. 390 recovered (maybe missing ones are under bleachers?) Recommend purchasing more if we host this event in the future. Boxes were LOVED by the kids, even despite the fact that they untapped them and played with them differently than intended. Had approximately 60 donated boxes. The fact that kids "destroyed" them made cleanup easier! {plus kids love boxes!}
  - V. Purchased approx. \$150 of board games for event and all the cafeteria tables were filled with families playing games.
  - VI. Snowflake cutting/origami room was almost always filled and well liked.
  - VII. Comments made by parents to be noted: they enjoyed having event on same night as middle school drop off event.
  - VIII. Comments made by kids to be noted: "I'm having so much fun, can we stay until 9?"
  - IX. Accepted via unanimous consent
2. Love You a Hole Bunch Breakfast (Julia Kindler)
  - I. Event raised approximately \$780
  - II. Accepted via unanimous consent
3. Parent Teacher Conferences (Rachel Bagne, Shannon Thoms)
  - I. Teachers enjoyed food
  - II. Allocate more money next time please
  - III. Accepted via unanimous consent
4. Spirit Night at Beefaroo (Doreen Pierce, Kenneth Pierce)
  - I. March 3/11, 4:30–7:30 p.m.
  - II. Accepted via unanimous consent
5. Spirit Wear (Jessica Powell)
  - I. None

6. Everyday Fundraising (Shannon Bennett)
  - I. \$109.20 earned from clipped box tops for Spring
  - II. YTD app total around \$36
  - III. Accepted via unanimous consent

**V. Special Orders of Business**

1. 2020-2021 Executive Officers Nomination Committee Report
  - I. Co-presidents: Rachel Bagne and Shannon Thoms
  - II. Need Co-VPs
  - III. Secretary: Monica Benolkin, need assistant
  - IV. Treasurer: Chris Alesandrini, need assistant
  - V. Grade Reps:
    - I. 1: ?
    - II. 2: ?
    - III. 3: ?
    - IV. 4: Kay Baer
  - VI. Parents at Large: Carlos Ramos, Sara Alesandrini
  - VII. Various people signed up for non-elected posts
  - VIII. Accepted via unanimous consent
2. PTO Grants Committee Report
  - I. 3 Purple Horseshoe Fund grants approved:
    - I. Computer mice
    - II. Noise cancelling headphones
    - III. Library Books
  - II. Christa McAuliffe Innovation Award
    - I. Mrs. Nicosia for multicultural math materials
  - III. Accepted via unanimous consent

**VI. Announcements or Discussion at Large**

1. 150+ volunteer hours in February by 43 volunteers, Julie Knutson is Volunteer of the Month
2. Bath and Body Fusion has an option for Spirit Night

**VII. Adjournment: 7:29 p.m.**