



PTA General Meeting
Wed. December 6, 2017
9:00am - 10:00am

MWE Multi-Purpose Room

- I. Welcome** - Kristen Carlson welcomed all and called the meeting to order. Quorum was established by Pam Townsend at 9:05.
- II. Approval of Minutes** - A motion was made by Pam Townsend to approve the minutes from November 1, 2017 as presented. Georgia Polley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with none opposed.
- III. Principal's Report-** Hailey Haynes
 - a. Mrs. Haynes announced a special holiday breakfast for all MWE families impacted by Hurricane Harvey, It will be held on December 12th at 8:00am in the library.
 - b. Mrs. Haynes also reported that a 5th grade 'passion project' will be after school today, December 6th. Students are selling hot chocolate to raise money for children's cancer research. Please stop by for a cup at dismissal to support the student effort.
 - c. Mrs Haynes reported that she is working to address budget questions that have arisen this fall. Parents in the community have asked how are funds allocated? How is Title 1 funding supporting MWE? How are Title 1 needs organized and prioritized? Her goal is for transparency in operations. She will be sharing more information soon.
 - d. Mrs Haynes also reminded PTA that there are two opportunities in SBISD to hear a presentation on cyber-bullying and social media through the district. The Parent U event is tonight, December 6th at the Spring Branch Education building, and a second opportunity is on Tuesday, December 12 from 11:30-1:30 at the SBISD Administration Building. Mrs Haynes is looking into a special talk geared toward elementary students and parents.

e. Mrs Haynes announced that MWE will be the host site for a special community event on Wednesday, December 13, in the cafeteria, from 6:30-8:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss flood control, flood prevention, flood recovery and other flood related matters. The meeting will be Question/Answer format, with questions that are submitted ahead of time asked first. Please submit question for the panel to Bridget Williams by December 9th at bridget.williams@me.com.

The Panel will consist of:

Senator Joan Huffman

Councilman Greg Travis

Representative Jim Murphy

Mary Schneider, District Director for John Culbertson

FEMA: External Affairs - Brenda Gustafson

Individual Assistance - Delorce Elliot, David Medina

Small Business Association - Roger Busch,

Julia Giarmoleo, Mike Flores

National Flood Insurance Program - Hilary Cooke

MIT (Mitigation)- Carl Rea

Flood Plain - Rodney Smith

Harris County Flood Control District: TBD

f. Mrs Haynes reported that the teachers that were appointed to the Project Study team are: Elise Cooper, Cathy Cox, Rhonda DeLeon, and Kimberly Hare.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Georgia Polley

a. Georgia reviewed the balance sheet. She highlighted the Checking balance of \$134,547.00, the Savings balance of \$29,028.81, and \$468.00 in Petty Cash for a Bank Accounts Total of \$164,043.81. She reported Total Assets of \$164,596.40 which include PayPal funds of \$552.59.

b. Georgia reported that a donation was received for school supplies following Hurricane Harvey. She requested a vote to increase the school supplies budget from \$180 to \$2000 to reflect this donation. Heather Craig made a motion to vote for this increase. Pam Ferworn seconded the motion. A vote was held to amend the budget. All were in favor with none opposed.

V. Presidents Report - Kristen Carlson

a. Kristen announced that Bridget Williams volunteered to lead the Project Study Committee with Pam Ferworn as an alternate. Volunteers are asked to submit their name for a lottery to fill the remaining positions on the project study team. The drawing was held during this PTA general meeting. Volunteers selected are: Jenny Teixeira, Rachel Odom, and Holly Saunders. Thank you volunteers! If you have a project you'd like to see funded, please submit a request by January 15th. These projects should benefit our students and support the curriculum.

b. Kristen reported that PTA is accepting School Bell Nominations. The School Bell Award recognizes the Outstanding SBISD staff members who promote the purposes of the PTA and are advocates for all children. One nominee will be selected at each campus. All nominees are recognized at the Founder's Day Banquet in February, where the district-wide winner is chosen.

c. Kristen thanked Helen Pearce, Amy Selesky, and Kelly Williams for volunteering to be the Room Parent Coordinators. Class Holiday parties will be held Friday, December 15th after the school-wide sing along. Dismissal for the day will be at noon. The schedule is published in the Friday Focus as well as the PTA e-blast.

d. Kristen highlighted the need for a parent volunteer for the Campus School Health Advisory Committee (CSHAC). Please contact her if you can serve in this role. A co-coordinator for the Spring Fundraiser is also needed to assist Christina Gronauer. There is also a need for a volunteer to focus on legislative issues in education and report to the PTA community. In January, look for volunteer opportunities to assist with our Boosterthon fundraiser. Pledge counting assistants will be needed. Please contact Kristen if you can assist in any of these roles.

e. Kristen reported that MSA is running smoothly and successfully! Please visit MySchoolAnywhere.com to join PTA, contribute to Eagle Excellence fund, to purchase Spirit Wear, to access the online school directory, and to sign up for volunteer opportunities.

VI. Chair Reports

a. Keisha Barnes announced that the International Festival and Family Fun Night will be held on Tuesday, January 23rd. Please contact her if you would like to volunteer and share your heritage and customs with our community. Currently there are 25 nations represented. Students will be issued passports and visit booths from around the world to sample food and learn about each country's history, geography, flag, and more. Please contact Keisha at ksbarnes@gmail.com.

b. Annie Ickes was not present, however, Kristen Carlson reported that the Playground Committee continues to meet with District Facilities staff to advance the plan to repair and replace outdated, failing playground equipment, improve campus security through proper fencing, and repair inadequate fall surfaces. District Facilities staff have reported that ordered parts are in and they will be doing some repairs over the Holiday Break. Fundraising plans and efforts to secure donors are being pursued.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 am.

Heather Craig

PTA Secretary 2017-2018