



PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 11, 2017  
9:00 – 10:00AM

- I. **Welcome/Call to Order** –President Kristen Carlson  
**Establishment of Quorum** –9:09 by Pam Townsend
  
- II. **Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Susan Thomas to approve the minutes from December 7th, 2016 as presented. Sarah Laird seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with none opposed.
  
- III. **Treasurer’s Report** - Sarah Laird
  - a. The treasurer reviewed the balance sheet. She highlighted the Checking balance of \$80,639.23, the Savings balance of \$29,015.62, and the Petty Cash balance of \$468.00 for Total Assets of \$110,122.85.
  
  - b. Sarah reported that the budget changes voted on at last month’s general meeting had been made, including a new Revenue line item under Carnival Income, a new line item in Fundraisers, a misc. line item to incorporate revenue from in-kind donations such as Chick-fil-A meal sales, Kona Ice sales proceeds, and the Pop-Up Dinner hosted at the NFC.
  
  - c. In expenditures, Sarah reported that the revisions voted on at the last meeting had been made, including raising the bank charges budget from \$800 to \$1000, to accommodate online sales and PayPal fees, adjusting the Prize Drawing Expense, and adding a Misc line item under Fundraising expenses for the related addition of Misc in the revenue side of Fundraising. Sarah presented the balance sheet, which also reflected budget adjustments to accommodate growing expenses, in the Colonial Day, Walk to School day refreshment budget and the addition of a miscellaneous line item budget under Hospitality of \$100 to pay for non-meeting expenses. She reported that the Spirit Wear budget had been adjusted to \$12,500 from \$12,000.
  
  - d. Sarah concluded by reporting our current Net Revenue of \$34,596.10.
  
- IV. **Principal’s Report** – Pam Redd
  - a. Ms Redd presented handouts and a brief overview of the proposed TEA A-F rating system. Handouts available online at:

<http://tea.texas.gov/A-F/>. These ratings will be issued for the first time in August 2018 and the current model is a work in progress. This system proposes Five Domains.

- i. Domain I: Student Achievement (measures commended and advanced student performance on STAAR)
- ii. Domain II: Student Progress (Measures student growth on STAAR from year to year)
- iii. Domain III: Closing The Gaps (measures performance on STAAR of economically disadvantaged students)
- iv. Domain IV: Postsecondary Readiness (In elementary school measures chronic absenteeism)
- v. Domain V: Community and School Involvement

Domains I, II, and III are derived from STAAR, Domain IV from attendance. Ms. Redd explained that 35% of rating can be either Domain I or II, 20% of rating will be Domain III, and 35% of rating will be Domain IV. The final 10% would be Community and School Involvement. Applying Meadow Wood's current performance under this rating system, MWE has a "B" in Domain I, "C" in Domain II, "D" in Domain III, "C" in Domain IV. Meadow Wood was given an exemplary rating in Community and School involvement, and this rating would be an "A" although Domain 5 was not applied in the test model.

- b. Ms Redd shared that SBISD administration, teachers, and parents are disappointed with this reductive model, that 55% of a school's rating would be determined by STAAR test results, 35% attendance, and all other components of school life just 10%. The state has not released the metrics for this rating system, grades are not transparent, and terms such as "chronic absenteeism" are not defined.

Ms Redd encouraged everyone to review the proposed rating system and to contact legislators to voice any concerns. Our state legislators are Representative Jim Murphy and Senator Joan Huffman. To contact your legislators, Spring Branch Speaks has organized many useful resources. Please visit: <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx> and <http://springbranchspeaks.com/communicating-with-legislators.html>

## V. **President's Report** – Kristen Carlson

- a. Kristen highlighted current priority volunteer needs. Please consider stepping up to fill one of the following positions. Also, please reach out to other parents with specific invitations to participate. If we cannot fill these positions we will not be able to run these programs or make needed updates.

- i. Talent Show Coordinator for a student end of year show.
  - ii. Playground committee members to fundraise and plan replacement for our failing and aging equipment.
  - iii. HOS coordinator help for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
- b. Kristen discussed the current need to remain involved with our districts legislative concerns. Please view the SBISD Financial Crossroads video, available at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzNlrNX9Pgs>
- c. Kristen reminded all PTA members to report off-campus volunteer hours to Pepper Franklin via email at [pepperfranklin@gmail.com](mailto:pepperfranklin@gmail.com).
- d. Kristen reported that coats and uniforms donated by the MWE community were delivered to Edgewood, our sister school. Many thanks to all who participated – the items were gratefully received and will be put to good use.

## VI. **Committee Chair Reports**

- a. Spring Fundraiser – Our Spring Fundraiser, The Magic of MWE, will be an auction night for parents on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Magician Ben Jackson will MC the evening, which will be held at the Nottingham Forest Club. PTA member Christina Gronauer is coordinating. The website with ticket and raffle sales and more information is:  
<https://www.meadow-wood-magic.com>.
- b. International Festival - Keisha Barnes shared that the International Festival will be on January 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. Twenty nations will be represented by volunteers in our community. Students will travel through the exhibition and earn stamps in a passport. There will also be a Health Fair component with 11 vendors promoting healthy living. There will also be a photo booth and Chick-fil-A meals available for purchase for \$5.00 per meal.
- c. Watch Dogs – The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Watch Dogs Donuts with Dads morning will be held on January 20<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00-7:45 am in the multipurpose room. It's an opportunity for Dads and their kids to enjoy donuts, coffee, milk, and water together before school starts. It's a come and go as you please event so all Dads are invited to bring their child to school and stop by. Dads and father figures are invited to sign up to volunteer as Watch Dogs for a day by visiting  
[MWEWatchDOGS@outlook.com](mailto:MWEWatchDOGS@outlook.com).
- d. PTA Programs – PTA is excited to welcome Emily Arrow to MWE on February 2. She will be presenting to Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Ms

Arrow is a songwriter and musician who combines picture books and music with her unique storytelling. For more information visit <http://www.emilyarrow.com/>. Also upcoming from PTA Programs is Random Acts of Kindness week, February 13-17<sup>th</sup>. Look for more information in the PTA eblast for our schedule of events with follow the theme, "Be a Buddy, Not a Bully."

- e. HOS/ Environmental - Volunteers needed spring semester to co-chair Garden activities and for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade HOS. For questions, please contact Sara Vasut at [sara.vasut@gmail.com](mailto:sara.vasut@gmail.com).
- f. Library - The library is currently open for student use 3 days a week. Teaching subs are being utilized to keep the library running after Mrs. Robbins resigned in December due to health concerns. Mrs. Maddox has taken over PGP instruction.
- g. Project Study – Laura Peña and Rhonda Washington have formed their committee and are reviewing requests. A Project Study Request can be made by any member of the PTA. It is a request for funding from the PTA for a project that will benefit the school and our children in a unique way.
- h. Career Day – Special thanks to Zina Schwartz, who will be chairing our Career Day on February 7<sup>th</sup>.
- i. School Bell Award Nominee – PTA is pleased to announce Mrs. Jessica Leonard was nominated for the School Bell Award. The School Bell Award recognizes the outstanding SBISD staff members who promote the Purposes of the PTA and are advocates for all children. We're announcing her nomination to her immediately following this meeting and will be presenting her with flowers and an invitation to the Founder's Day Banquet. All nominees are recognized at the Founder's Day Banquet in February and the district winner will be announced.

**VII Adjournment:** The Meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.

Heather Craig

PTA Secretary 2016-2017