

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

**PTA General Meeting
Montgomery Knolls-Pine Crest PTA December 5, 2017 6:30-8:00pm
Pine Crest Elementary School**

Call to order 7:08pm

In Attendance:

Natesia Johnson-Samuel, PTA President

Katie West, MKES Assistant Principal

Cheryl Booker, PCES Principal

Rebecca Wilson, PTA Recording Secretary

Elise Lee, PTA Treasurer

In addition, 14 parents attended the meeting - see sign-in sheets.

Rachael Sondak, PTA Corresponding Secretary

Handouts Distributed/Posted:

- PTA General Meeting Agenda
- Approved Budget
- Minutes from Oct 4, 2017 PTA General Meeting
- PTA Membership Report 12.4.2017
- PeerPositive POWER Pep Rally Overview
- Stand Up to Bullies informational flyer

President's Opening Announcements

- PTA is one of the Amazon Smile charities. Select Montgomery Knolls Pine Crest PTA as your charity of choice.
- It is important for individuals to become PTA members. Membership numbers are useful when we advocate in front of the Board of Education.
 - We have success with Dine Out fundraiser events, they are quick and easy to set up. We do need someone to lead the fundraising efforts.
 - We typically also have fundraisers such as the Fun Run, which could be turned into just a fun day if we get enough Direct Donations.
 - We do not want to cut any services we offer to the schools, such as funding assemblies, field trips, equipment for specials (e.g., PE, music, art), literacy support, etc.
- October 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes - motion to approve. Minutes are approved.
- Rachael will update the PTA website soon.

Treasurer Report

- Direct Donation Campaign - we have received about 32% of our goal for family donations. We need more donations to come in soon or we will start holding separate fundraisers in January.
- Expenses shown on approved budget: money spent on Pizza Cards; PE and Musical equipment; Fall Festival Dance event.
- PTA pays for all school assemblies and we subsidize field trips. Every child benefits from PTA funding.

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- No instruments purchased yet at Pine Crest. Natesia will email Mr. White directly to find out needs.
- Mr. White would rather repair instruments to save money, rather than buying new ones.

Upcoming Events

Lisa Pfeifer - we want kids to have books to take home at Pine Crest as they do at Montgomery Knolls, so we're starting a Zina's Wolf Pack Library with Ms. Manzone's help. It's like a Free Little Library. It launches next week during the PCES Book Fair. All classes will have a chance to see where it is. Students can come during lunch and recess with a pass. We need parent volunteers to keep it open on other days/times and to help with general library maintenance. We also need book donations.

The Best/Worst Christmas Pageant Ever will be performed at Silver Spring Stage starting this weekend, directed by PTA member Andrea Greenleaf and starring several MKPC students.

PCES Book Fair next week, December 11-15

PCES Chorus Concert on December 21, 7:00-8:00pm

Pizza Bingo at Eastern, January 19, 6:00-8:00pm

PTA General Meeting, February 6, 6:30-8:00pm at Montgomery Knolls.

Jane Pinczuk, Founder and CEO, The Music in Me Foundation, Int'l

- Bullying is perpetual and targeted. Some bullies don't realize they are hurting someone else. The behavior has to be called out.
- NEA estimates that 160,000 miss school every day in American because they are afraid of being bullied.
- 57% of bullying can be stopped through care and prevention.
- 4,400 students kill themselves every year.
- Music in Me has in-school and after school programs. Begins with an anonymous survey to get a beat on what's happening with students. Follow with a pep rally. WPGC media partner. There are books with celebrity forwards; role models that kids think are cool help model anti-bullying.
- 3 C's - college, career, and citizenship. How to get help and ask for help. And help others find their voice.
- 90% of communication is non-verbal. Games and music helps kids to learn empathy and communication.
- Social media training before middle school; what predators are; proper language; cyber bullying.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm

Minutes by Rebecca Wilson, Recording Secretary