

**PTA General Meeting**  
Montgomery Knolls-Pine Crest PTA  
April 5, 2017  
7:00-8:00pm  
Montgomery Knolls Elementary School APR

The meeting started at 7:07 p.m.

**In Attendance:**

Natesia Johnson-Samuel, PTA President

Cheryl Booker, PCES Principal

Andrea Hickman, PTA Vice-President

Rebecca Wilson, PTA Correspondence Secretary

Heeyeon Jeong, PTA Treasurer

Jean Foster, PTA Recording Secretary

In addition, 8 parents attended the meeting - see sign-in sheets

**Handouts Distributed/Posted:**

- "Treasurer's Report as of April 5, 2017"
- "MKPC-PTA Minutes from PTA Meeting February 1, 2017"

**I. Call Meeting to Order**

A. Welcome and Reminder to sign in

**II. Approval of the February PTA Meeting Minutes**

A. Motion made to approve February Meeting Minutes, seconded.

B. Minutes unanimously approved.

**III. PTA Updates/Announcements**

A. Upcoming Events:

1. Cluster Meeting at Blair: April 6, 2017 6:30-7pm
2. Capacity Meeting at Blair immediately following (7-8:30pm)
  - a) Capacity Study will be discussed
  - b) Capacity at Blair - highest in county and highest in state
  - c) In 2022, projected enrollment for Blair will be 3479 which is a 686-seat deficit from current projected availability

B. Board of Education Considerations/High School Discussions

1. Woodward High School will be reopening in 2022 which affects current 5th graders
2. Woodward Capacity Meetings are starting now
3. Board of Ed members are considering adding a magnet program at Woodward
  - a) Originally had been considering moving magnet from Blair to Woodward, but no longer considering
4. Northwood has a Law Academy
5. April 19 at Northwood HS - Montgomery County Board of Ed holding a meeting to discuss Woodward HS reopening and its impact on the various school districts
  - a) Breakout sessions for each cluster will begin at 7pm

6. May 3 at Kennedy or Einstein HS will be the same as the April 19 meeting, but will be discussing use of non-traditional buildings (i.e. office buildings, rec centers) for new high school space
  7. This past fall, we had the Board of Ed testimony hearing on Capital Improvement Plan as well as the Operating Budget
    - a) All of our schools renovations (i.e. Eastern and Pine Crest) are still on track as long as the County Council continues to fund the school budget at the current level.
- C. New Grading System for next year
1. Board of Education is making their final decisions regarding grades 3-5. Those grades will begin using a letter grading system A-E
  2. Second Grade grading system is still being decided
  3. Kindergarten and First grades will be using “N/I/P” each quarter which is Common Core grading system. “ES” will no longer be used.
  4. GT Liason has sent messages to the Board to see how this change will impact GT students applying to the different programs available for 4th-6th graders.
  5. The Board acknowledges that there may be inconsistencies with the transition
- D. Board of Education meetings are open to the public for attendance but not public comment or participation. Agendas are distributed prior to the meeting.
1. All MCPS policy decisions go through the Board.
  2. Board of Ed is very open to hearing from parents and discussing items with them, the burden is on the parents to find out when/what the discussion panels will be meeting and getting their thoughts to the Board (i.e. The Woodward Reopening discussion panel is a 6-month panel)
- E. Cluster Coordinator
1. Therese Gibson is one of our Cluster Coordinators
  2. One opening is still available
- F. PARCC testing will be happening Spring 2017 but not continued next year
- G. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
1. Signed by President Obama December 2015
  2. Goes into effect 2017-2018 School Year
  3. Reauthorizes commitment to equal opportunity for all students
  4. See [www.ed.gov/essa](http://www.ed.gov/essa) for more information
- H. Kindergarten Orientation for students entering K this Fall 2017
1. Will take place over 3 days this spring because of the number of kids being admitted and to assist teachers with articulation
  2. Burden on current K parents as well as rising K parents has been discussed (needing to take off of work for 3 days instead of 2), so will possibly look at returning to 2 days next year
- I. HGC Orientation
1. Ms. Booker will be sending out an email to coordinate with HGC Parents
- J. May Fair 2017
1. Saturday, May 6th 1-4pm

2. Co-Chairs: Aimee Primeaux and Robby Runyan
3. Drennan Lindsay will be coordinating MayFair volunteers
4. Wristbands will be sold for \$10 to cover all games and activities except for the Dunk Tank. Food will be sold, so bring cash. Dunk Tank purchases will be handled separately. No tickets will be sold, wristbands only.
5. May Fair objective is a fun day for our community, no longer a fundraiser.
6. No Silent Auction during MayFair. If the PTA would like to continue this as a fundraiser, we will look into having a separate chair and holding the event another time of the year.

#### **IV. MKPC PTA Executive Board Elections**

##### A. Recording Secretary

1. Rebecca Wilson
  - a) Nominated, seconded, and unanimously elected

##### B. Treasurer

1. Elise Lee
  - a) Nominated, seconded, and unanimously elected

##### C. Correspondence Secretary

1. Open Position

#### **V. Closing**

##### A. Open PTA Chair positions

1. Membership Chair
2. Blair Cluster Coordinator
  - a) Responsibilities include:
    - (1) Attend MCCPTA Board meetings monthly
    - (2) Testify to Board of Education four times per year
    - (3) Testify once to Montgomery County Council for Capital Improvement Plan as well as Operating Budget
    - (4) Communicate with PTA presidents to get more information to our school community

##### B. Pine Crest Principal Coffee

1. Wednesday May 1 in the Media Center at Pine Crest at 9:45am

##### C. 2nd Grade Field Trip to Pine Crest

1. Mini-orientation on June 2

##### D. Date of next PTA Meeting, June 1, 2017

1. 5pm-7pm at MKES
2. Topic: Parent/Teacher Kickball Game
3. Pizza will be available, Ice Cream truck will be in the parking lot

**The Meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm**

Respectfully submitted, Jean Foster, Recording Secretary

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