

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	REPORT
Accelerated & Enrichment Committee	Rosemary DiPietro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ First A & E Committee meeting to be scheduled to discuss focus and mission ❖ Chair has Meeting Resource information ❖ Outstanding Action Item- meet w/ PCES Administration for initial meeting to review Committee's mission and gain understanding of implementation practices at PCES in order to communicate to wider community ❖ Committee is represented on MCPS-wide A&E Feedback Committee
African American Achievement	Valarie Davis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Outreach: Sign-up sheets at PTA picnic at both BTS nights. Twenty-two (22) adults have volunteered. ❖ Communication: Email messages sent to volunteers and PTA listserv. Small flyers distributed. Yahoo Group listserv is active. ❖ Leadership: MK Principal and AP have been asked to identify an NAACP Parents' Council Representative for MK. Committee Leadership Team to be established. ❖ Budget: Submitted for approval. Researching county/state PTA fundraising/sponsorship guidelines. ❖ Activities: First full committee meeting held 9/23/15 at Marriott (Corporate Partner). Leads identified for Leadership, Advocacy, Black History Month, Achievement Awards, Funding & Sponsorship, and Resource teams. Next meeting week of October 19th
Beautification - MKES	Adrienne Stelmach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ MKES Plantings by the front doors have been completed. Goal is to incorporate more evergreens over time to reduce maintenance needs ❖ Plans to repair the front entrance flag post ❖ Plans to clean-up and simplify the courtyard gardens ❖ Proposal for Fall Clean-Up Day on Saturday, Nov. 21 at MKES
Beautification - PCES	Rosemary DiPietro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Despite very poor volunteer attendance at Fall Outdoor Clean-Up Day at PCES on Sat. 9/19, a ton of work was completed to improve the appearance of the grounds. ❖ Sincere THANKS to Matt Baumann, Matt Bunch, Anne Parker, and a Woodmoor Neighbor! ❖ Proposal for a permanent trashcan on the playground to reduce litter ❖ Strong encouragement for more volunteers at the Spring Outdoor Clean-Up

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<p>Beautification - PCES (cont)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Reminder of the importance of maintaining a school's physical structure and appearance to "convey respect for the school community and the educational mission." - <i>Blum and Robert</i>
<p>Book Swap - MKES</p>	<p>Lisa Pfeifer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Conducted 2 book drives over the summer to improve the swap collection ❖ Teacher and student survey from June 2015 showed overwhelming support ❖ Weekly swap will resume in October. Volunteer recruitment in process ❖ Carolyn Thompson of "Velocity of Reading" will donate books for both schools ❖ Hope to hold several used book sales this year with stock culled from the swap collection
<p>Book Swap - PCES</p>	<p>Robin Palmer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Hoping to launch the 2015-2016 Pine Crest book swap in late October or early November ❖ Likely be held on two consecutive days, every other week, in the instrumental music room ❖ Parent volunteers are needed to help out (the time commitment is only one hour, once a month, from about 9:20-10:20) ❖ Donations of used books in good condition are always much appreciated!
<p>Communications</p>	<p>Rebecca Wilson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The communications team has been keeping up with PTA news and posting it on our website, thanks to Stephanie Fears, and to our Facebook group and Yahoo listserv ❖ The September/October issue of the PTA newsletter is due out soon and an electronic version will also be sent via email to everyone who has shared their email address with us ❖ Rebecca has set up Constant Contact to send email communications tailored for digital consumption. We hope to add a texting service to our repertoire ❖ The PTA will continue to partner with Linkages to Learning to get the word out to Spanish-speaking families about what the PTA does, and we continue to ask for help from Maria Lucia Lopez with editing of Spanish print material.
<p>Fundraiser - DineOuts</p>	<p>Dlvina Peters-Natter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ In-restaurant fundraisers where up to 50% of the sales during the event are donated to Pine Crest Elementary School are tentatively scheduled for: ❖ Sweet Frog Four Corners - Friday, October 2, 2015, after the Fun Run ❖ El Golfo (Flower Ave) - January 2016

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Fundraiser - DineOuts (cont)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chipotle Four Corners - Friday, March 11, 2016 ❖ Panera Wheaton - March 2016
Fundraiser - FunRuns	Madeleine Santiago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Fun Run has a big committee this year ❖ Kate O'Connor - Communications; Heather Moran - Donations; Erin Byrnes - Volunteer Organization; Liz Heaney - Volunteer Organization; Mr. P - MKES Emcee; Mr. Martin - PCES Emcee ❖ Budgeted to raise \$12,000, but hoping for amount equal to 2014/15 (\$15K) ❖ Biggest Hurdle of volunteer training is no longer an issue!
Fundraiser - PapaJohn's Cards	Rosemary DiPietro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Cards are being sold at PTA/School functions ❖ Order forms will also be in Thursday Folders in September
Fundraiser - Pizza Bingo	Tinica Mather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ As the date approaches, Tinica will ask for volunteers to help with coordinating and planning prior to the event as needed ❖ The night of the event will require 5-10 parent volunteers to host/serve ❖ Last year we were approached by Pete's Pizza to use them for the event. Although they were easy to work with and the pizzas were fine, they were much more expensive than Papa Johns, so our profit was less. For fundraising reasons, we will plan to use PapaJohn's this year
Fundraiser - Plant Sale	Rachel Burroughs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Last year the plant sale and clean up were on the same date, April 18. Sales were higher than in previous years. We got a ton of donations to the beautification committee through the sale so we can order extra plants for planting if needed. ❖ Next plant sale tentative date of April 30, 2016 to coincide with PCES Spring Clean-Up Day?
Fundraiser - Silent Auction	Rosemary DiPietro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 4 Disney Fast Passes are still available (good through May 2017) to sell, (minimum bid \$250) because the winning bidder from May Fair 2015 never responded. ❖ BONUS: 1 Fast Pass good through May 2016 ❖ Help is needed to sell these passes, possibly with a Free-Standing Auction?
Geography (Geo) Bowl	Debra Farkas & Moira Mcdonald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Committee has not yet met ❖ Geo-Bowl will be in Spring 2016 ❖ This year we will be studying North America

<p>Health and Safety</p>	<p>Abreham Geleta & Jane Dimyan-Ehrenfeld</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ We are scheduling a conference call for late September/early October ❖ Results of last year's Health and Safety Poll have been reviewed ❖ Interested in finding a parent volunteer to serve as the MKPC Liaison to Real Food for Kids Montgomery ❖ Goal to improve enforcement of the school's health and nutrition policy ❖ Review school's approach to classroom management and discipline ❖ Advocate for healthier food options at the county level ❖ Committee identified barriers to health and safety in the school community and are working on ways to overcome these which include school families as well as the school community ❖ Encourage participation from students as well as parents and school personnel ❖ "Parent Workshop" Possibilities available through Center for Inspired Teaching if there is any parent interest. Topics: Identify the Hallmarks of a Great School; Identify World-Class Teachers. Please contact Jane Dimyan-Ehrenfeld
<p>Membership Directory</p>	<p>Kelissa Kesler</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Continues to serve as a valuable resource for parents and kids to connect with friends, parents, and staff from both schools ❖ The PTA started using the MySchoolAnywhere System in 2014/15 to manage data for the school directory. This year the system has co-opted for dual use as a tool to manage PTA membership and collect dues for improved efficiency ❖ System generated emails have already been sent to parents for whom we have an email on record inviting them to update their own information. Messages have also gone out inviting new parents to add their family's information to the directory and become a member via the PTA website membership page (www.mkpcpta.org/membership), Facebook and email ❖ This year we expect the process to go much faster by having parents update and confirm their own information rather relying on manual entry of school provided data ❖ For new members who choose to join using the paper form, manual entry is still required. Parents who use the paper form are strongly encouraged to provide an email address so that they can receive access to the web and mobile versions of the directory ❖ Local businesses will again have the opportunity to advertise both online and in print versions of the directory, and proceeds will be used to offset the print budget and annual subscription fee.

<p>M.O.R.E.</p>	<p>Khaliq Cullins Bertram Generlette (MKES)</p> <p>Vacant (PCES)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Recruiting two additional Co-Chairs (for PC) ❖ Outreach: Sign-up sheets at PTA picnic at both BTS nights. Thirty (31) men have volunteered. ❖ Communication: Email messages were sent to volunteers and PTA listserv. Yahoo Group set up. Small flyers distributed with donuts. ❖ Leadership: Recruiting two PC men as additional co-chairs. Mr. G has committed to be actively involved. ❖ Budget: Submitted for approval. Subject to revision once committee meets formally with established leadership. ❖ Activities: Successfully participated in 9/15/15 Black Star Project national "Men Take Your Children to School Day" at MK and PC. Plan to repeat monthly. Potential activities include a boys mentoring program (year-round) and calendar fundraiser. Need Co-Chair(s) to set first meeting date in October.
<p>Movie Night</p>	<p>Jen Andelman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Unfortunately, we had to cancel the PTA Outdoor Movie Night due to licensing issues. It seems that we cannot show a movie without paying a significant licensing fee ❖ Currently we are trying to decide whether to try an indoor movie night in November. The licensing fee to show a movie indoors would be less, but still significant. ❖ Thanks to all who already volunteered or helped with planning. Stay tuned!
<p>Website</p>	<p>Stephanie Fears</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Recruitment for a new webmaster needs to begin as Stephanie will retire after the 2015-16 school year. Required skills are an understanding of basic HTML and some technical savvy ❖ The website content management and hosting service (webs.com) is paid through 7/7/16. It includes a Premium Account with 5 custom mailboxes and unlimited email forwarding addresses. ❖ The domain name (mkpcpta.org) is paid through 8/16/16. ❖ Both should be renewed at the same time, Stephanie recommends no later than Spring 2016. She can do this as part of the new webmaster training. ❖ The current webmaster and the treasurer both have administrative access to the PayPal account. The account is "owned" by the webmaster and will need to be transferred to a new person in Spring 2016

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