

Mary Lin PTA Meeting - Tuesday, August 14, 2018

6:30pm, Mary Lin Auditorium

In attendance - Lynley Teras (Co-President), Sarah McLean (Co-President), Janet Patton (Treasurer), Alice Brookner (Secretary), Elizabeth Ames (Parliamentarian), Yukiko Takeuchi (VP Communications), Hallie Meushaw (VP Parent Involvement), Kila Posey (VP Education), Jeanne Eason (VP Operations), Sharon Tate (VP Fundraising)
Principal Sharyn Briscoe

Call to order: 6:34 by Lynley Teras

Lynley Teras welcomed all in attendance and introduced the 2018-19 board members

Approval of minutes from April 2018 meeting

- Motion to approve: Yukiko Takeuchi
- Second: Janet Patton
- Minutes approved

Co-President's Report

- What is PTA? Lynley Teras outlined the mission and goals of the PTA (including rocket blast reminder, room parent information)
- Sarah McLean reviewed some PTA events from the summer
 - Thank you to Julie Noble for coordinating the new mural
 - There will be other new art coming soon
 - Teachers were given a welcome back lunch from Zoe's
 - The school partner program will move from ML Foundation to PTA, and PTA is hard at work securing those partners

Principal's welcome

- Sharyn Briscoe outlined the 3 parent participation bodies and how they work together to benefit Mary Lin
 - PTA focuses on community building at Mary Lin as well as with the greater community of Mary Lin families and neighbors (in-school events, fundraising events, Candler Park Fall Fest, etc)
 - Mary Lin Foundation serves to support long-term goals and supplements the general budget through fundraising (funds go towards teacher training, technology, etc)
 - GO Team - Parents are elected to this team that helps with budgeting decisions and legislative issues. Parents can contact Go Team members as they would BOE contacts
- Sharyn Briscoe is nonvoting member of all 3 boards, and all 3 groups work together to identify and meet needs at Mary Lin

CINS update - Annsley Klehr, Calandria Meadows (Mary Lin's representatives to CINS)

- Includes all Grady Cluster elementary schools, plus K-8 charter schools Kindezi and Centennial
- CINS supports the Grady cluster through educating, advocating, community engagement
- Principal's forum - 9/5 12-1:30pm, location TBD
- cinsatlanta.org

Treasurer's Report - Janet Patton

- Fiscal year is July to June
- Last year's gross profit was \$69,323.02, expenses were \$63,329.16, and PTA carried over \$5,534.53
- Income comes from school events, fundraisers, and dues
- Money goes to beautification, teacher allotments, expenses for running activities and events
- PTA has rolled over \$5-6k each year

Vice Presidents' Updates:**Communications - Yukiko Takeuchi**

- Rocket Blast information: provides current updates as well as last minute changes
- Parents are invited to submit info to the rocket blast
- Yukiko can also add announcements to the PTA Facebook page
- Sharyn Briscoe reminded parents of the November school closing, and invited everyone to take the APS calendar survey (link available in Rocket Blasts, FB page)
- Annsley Klehr invited parents to write to CINS to address concerns about calendar issues

Education - Kila Posey

- PTA provides in-school education programs - spelling and geography bee, in school field trips, first Rocket Readiness Camp for rising Kindergarteners
- Parents are invited to volunteer for the various events
- Lisa Milko will handle LEEP this year
 - Lisa described the LEEP program (27 after school enrichment options such as karate, chess)
 - calendar and descriptions of programs are available on the Mary Lin website

Fundraising - Sharon Tate

- PTA and Foundation work together to fundraise
- PTA is handling business partners this year, Mary Lin Foundation is asking parents to donate through the Rocket Fuel Fund
- School partners are currently being organized
- Spirit wear store closes Friday, August 17, and will open again in October
- Dine-outs throughout the year - The Albert 8/21, King of Pops snack-out on 9/13 after school, El Taco and Yeah Burger dine-outs coming up
- There will not be a fall fundraiser this year
- Candler Park Fall Fest is Sept. 29-30 (Bounce house benefiting Mary Lin sponsored by King of Pops, look for sign-up to volunteer)

Operations - Jeanne Eason

- PTA provided a welcome back lunch for teachers from Zoe's, bus tags for bus riders (parents should be getting messages from captains)
- School tours start in November with Jane Smith
- Parents can still join PTA online or at meetings
- Lost and Found is filling up
- Calandria Meadows is running the supply closet this year

Parental Involvement - Hallie Meushaw

- PTA has already hosted Open House and Kleenex and Coffee
- Principal's coffees coming up - Sharyn Briscoe hosts, and speakers are brought in to discuss relevant issues
 - The first Principal's Coffee is Aug 25 at 8:05, followed by one on Sept 29
- Linapalooza will be take place in spring (Linapalooza reprise will take place at Fall Fest)
 - Julie Noble will inform the community about flash mob at Linapalooza reprise
- Other upcoming events include MLK Day service project and Small Tall Ball

New Business:**Budget Review - Sarah McLean**

- Fundraisers: school partner line - PTA used to split with Foundation but this year the amount will change to \$20k
- Rocket Readiness camp - income paid for supplies, salary and snacks - PTA would like to earmark leftover funds for the supply closet

Review and vote on proposed initial budget

Vote to move the \$2,000 Rocket Readiness Camp profit for supply closet

- Motion: Yukiko Takeuchi
- Seconded
- Motion passes

Vote to add \$5,000 to budget to add sunshade by the main entrance as well as add physical barrier to protect flower bed

- Motion to approve: Yukiko Takeuchi
- Second: Janet Patton
- Motion passes

- Motion to approve the budget as amended: Yukiko Takeuchi
- Second: Sharon Tate
- Budget approved

- Motion to authorize the treasurer to expend funds: Yukiko Takeuchi
- Second: Sharon Tate
- Motion passes

Announcements

Sarah Brown - Outdoor Classroom committee

- Parents are invited to help
- Vision of the Outdoor Classroom is 3-fold
 - education about sustainability
 - encourage experiential learning
 - increase time outside
- Outdoor Classroom Committee duties: maintain garden beds, weather station, pollinator garden, habitat and amphitheater
- Garden Club for Mary Lin students - meets after school on the 1st Thursday of the month
- parents are invited to an interest meeting August 28, 6pm (Outdoor Classroom or auditorium)

Stacey Stewart (GO Team Member)

- 1st meeting of the year was August 9 (GO Team meets on the 2nd Thursday of month, and meetings are public)
- Officers were elected at the August meeting
- Stacey Stewart provided an overview of the function of the GO Team. More information is available on the Mary Lin website.

Kat Cooper (Foundation Chair)

- Kat Cooper provided an overview of the Mary Lin Education Foundation and examples of how funds are spent: teachers are trained in Orton Gillingham, Handwriting without Tears, Greg Tang Math
- Foundation also provides technology, library books, tools for teachers that are not covered by the APS budget
- Sharyn Briscoe added that representatives from PTA and GO Team are also on the Foundation board so that all parts of the school are involved in distributing funds
- Kindergarten parents are invited to a Kindergarten Party at Venkman's on August 23, 5:30-7:30pm, where they can learn more about the Foundation
- Donations of all sizes are encouraged
- Parents were invited to go to the foundation website and donate today
- marylinfoundation.org
- This year's goal is to raise \$100,000 before Nov. 2
- Donations can be paid over 6 months through the installment plan

Sarah McLean thanked those in attendance and encouraged parents to continue to attend meetings.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Yukiko Takeuchi

Second: Sharon Tate

Adjourned: 7:25