

**Minutes of the Maryvale Elementary School General PTA Meeting
Maryvale Media Center
Tuesday, October 5, 2010**

Call To Order The Maryvale PTA met on September 7, 2010 at the school's media center. Jackie Suzich called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Roll Call

Present:

Officers

Gail D'Almeida, Marie-Stella Heiser, Mara Lynch, Jackie Suzich

Committee Chairs & MCCPTA Delegate

Sima Blackmon-Hall, Cristie Good, Ann Simcox, Aïssa Sires

Other Positions

Karen Gregory, Acting Principal

Jennifer Till, Assistant Principal

Guests:

Jack Bobo, Pascale Brady, YvetteWeir-Gladstone, Juanita Keesing, Hollie Miller, Glenn Northern, Anzia Portillo, Misty Powell, Tina Taupenot, Melissa McKenna,

INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Jackie Suzich. All Board members and school staff who were present at the meeting introduced themselves and identified their role with the PTA or school.

MINUTES

Marie-Stella M. Heiser, Secretary, presented the minutes of the September 7, 2010 general PTA Meeting. The minutes were accepted.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Karen Gregory talked about the new Elementary Integrated Curriculum (EIC). It is a new approach for students and teachers where subject areas such as the arts, science, social studies, and physical education will be blended with the core areas of reading and math. This year, the curriculum is voluntary, but next year it will be mandatory through second grade. Some material is not yet available in the immersion languages. Department teaching may become trickier, but can be done. MCPS website has a great link:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/integrated/faq.aspx#q1>.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In the interest of time, Jackie Suzich did not give a report, and just provided information during other reports as needed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board approved the budget. The actual budget (profit/loss) is currently in the red. This is due the shortfall during the bake sale of September 14 during the primary election. Hopefully, the general election on November 2 will compensate, if there is a higher turnout of voters.

ROCKVILLE CLUSTER & MCCCPTA DELEGATE REPORT, Aissa Sires

Capital Improvement Program – Planning is still a big issue every year. Location of the Carl Sandburg Learning Center is still under discussion.

COMMITTEES REPORTS

Programs

Jackie mentioned that people are needed to sign up for tables for the upcoming International night. Spring Fling will take place on May 15.

Fundraising

The bake sale did not bring as much revenue as expected because of low turnout on the voters' part. The Innisbrook fundraiser is underway and parents have until October 18 to place their order. They may send the order forms back or may go online to place their orders. Volunteers will be needed for the bake sale on November 2 and on December 6 to help distribute the Innisbrook orders.

Membership

The current membership numbers are about the same as approaching last year's total membership number. Jackie also stated that the PTA directory is to be solely used for PTA or school business, like contacting a parent for a playdate, party, or homework. People should inform her if they get any business solicitation. Marie-Stella asked how can parents know what is offered at the school. Jackie stated that a new page on the PTA website will list all the after school programs, though PTA will not do any advertising. Jackie has been doing all she can this year to increase communication by putting things on the listserv, in the newsletter, getting in front of people at the Open House, Back to School Night, and at PTA meetings. If people want to be informed, they need to read the newsletter and be on the listserv. The info about after school programs was in the last newsletter, and there was a list of contents on the front page that told what page the info was on as well. Jackie is open to other suggestions if you have any. People are also always welcome to contact her with questions.

Cultural Arts

The MCCPTA showcases are currently taking places.

Reflections

The Business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

There was a Presentation by Pascale Brady, a guest speaker from Parent Encouragement Program and fellow Maryvale Parent, "Helping Kids Take Responsibility for School Stuff".

The meeting ended at 9:00 pm.