

Minutes of the Thurgood Marshall Elementary School PTA Meeting Tuesday Oct 6th 2009

A called meeting of the TMES PTA was convened on Tuesday Oct 6th 2009 at 7:p.m. in the Media Center of Thurgood Marshall Elementary School in Gaithersburg, MD, pursuant to notice duly given.

Attendees:

Chris Zindash (President)	Pamela Nazzaro (Principal)	Slaima Hemsas
Julie Tittle (1 st VP)	Randi Poli	Karen Chen
Angela King (2 nd VP)	Kassandra Merker	Gary Tober
Micki Palmer (Treasurer)	Jinyue Zhu	Susan Morrison
Haleh Sepasi (Secretary)	Kristen Steffens	Georgia Averinos
Marcy Trost	Tanya Ross	Tammy Arbogast
Mark Eyerly	Linda Pett	
Lisa Portney	Shannon Sisco	
Yonil Park	Claudia Soto	

I. **Welcome** – Julie Tittle welcomed the attendees and convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

II. **Principal's Report** – Mrs. Nazzaro gave a summary of upcoming events in October. These dates will be posted on Principal's Newsletter. Some of the mentioned events include:

- Thursday Oct 8th- Individual Picture Day
- Monday Oct 12- Open House
- Friday Oct 16th- No School
- Friday Oct 30th- Last day of Marking Period, and also Halloween Parade and classroom parties.

Mrs. Nazzaro asked for parents to see the list of costume suggestion and to avoid distasteful costumes (e.g. scary or violent). Also for parents who do not wish for their children to partake in the parade, they can send in a note and those children will be in the media center and will be served a snack.

Mrs. Nazzaro also gave a briefing on the feedback she had received from parents on Back to School Night survey. We had received some good comments mainly on PTA's cooperative relationship with the school. There was some concern about the length of the meeting and also the set up to allow the doors to be closed so the noisy hallways would not disturb the audience.

On the flu shot distribution to TMES, Mrs. Nazzaro inform the PTA that the seasonal flu clinic scheduled at for October 20, has been suspended. Children brought home a letter this evening from county health officials that includes a list of community clinics where you can take your child for the seasonal flu shot free of charge.

III. **Executive Committee Report** –

Treasurer's Report: Micki Palmer reported that some checks have been deposited.

Secretary's Report: Haleh Sepasi presented the minutes from the brief Back to School Night PTA meeting for approval. The Minutes were distributed to attendees at the meeting. There were no questions, comments or changes to be made. *Chris* Zindash made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Delegates' Report: Mark Eyerly reported on passed copies of the Resolutions adopted by the Delegates Assembly and gave a briefing on what was discussed. Some of the main points presented were:

- Operating budget priorities as well as strategic goals for MCCPTA can be found on the www.mccpta.com

- There has been \$40MM allotted to capital improvement programs to help schools county wide.
- There is an effort on Restroom Restoration Project to fix up what needs to be repaired in all schools
- Next meeting is scheduled for Oct 27th
- Mark noted that if there is any concern or suggestions that the PTA would like for him to address, that it should be brought to him and Chris before the October 27th.

IV. Reports of Committees –

Marcy Trust, the Cluster Coordinator gave a briefing on what the cluster does and the main item for our cluster at this time is the Ridgeview Modernization Efforts which has been in re-work due to budgetary constraints and at this point, priorities are being re-evaluated and they are trying to decide how to move forward with this effort.

Gary Tober, reported that our next Community Night is being held in Baja Fresh in Kentlands and 15% of the proceeds go back to school.

On Business Promotions: Linda Pett and Karen Chen reported on their efforts and their needs for additional volunteers to help sign up Safeway, Giant, Harris Teeter cards that benefits TMES. There is also a classroom contest in progress where the classroom that brings in most signature forms, will win an ice cream party from Mrs. Nazzaro.

Karen reported that Harris Teeter gives away \$1000 cash prize to the school that provides the most recycled grocery bags. She needed additional help with that effort as well.

Lisa Torvek reported on her fundraising efforts for the 5th grade Philadelphia trip, and also requested additional bakers for cake walk.

Shannon Sisco our Volunteer Coordinator reported on the status of efforts for the upcoming School Fair on Sunday October 18th from 12-4. She needs a 5th grade Liaison to coordinate various activities and ensure safety of the kids participating in car wash in the school parking lot on that day. Chris suggested that we are perhaps stretch too thin, and that if we are not able to find volunteer for a certain event, that event may need to be cancelled so we can focus our efforts that we can provide for. He also suggested for the Board to re-visit the subject of mixing up Family Picnic Day and the school Fair for next year. Shannon announced that for the next PTA meeting, there will be volunteer training program available from 6-7 p.m. and Mrs. Nazzaro encouraged the attendees to participate in that training program for the get a refresher on how to use the copier and the laminating machine.

V. Unfinished Business –

Nothing to report.

VI. New Business

Karen suggested a yard sale in school property, either individually run, or PTA run. It is to be further discussed by the Boards.

Lisa Partney suggested for a company to provide a finger print/DNA kit of the kids –to be given to parents in case of an emergency. The Board will also take that in the consideration the next time it meets.

VII. Announcements –

Nothing to announce.

VIII. Adjournment and Next Meeting –

There being no further business to be brought before the PTA, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday Nov 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Haleh Sepasi , PTA Secretary

Date