



Forest Avenue

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PTA General Membership Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 19th, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Started: 6:00 p.m.

Ended: 6:32 p.m.

- I. Call to Order: 6:00 by Manisha Patel
- II. Quorum
- III. Welcome – Manisha Patel, PTA President
 - A. We always have 100% participation; we have no doubt we will get there this year as well. If you haven't yet joined, please join on the PTA website.
- IV. Principal's Remarks – Emily Farmer, FAAM Principal
 - A. Report cards coming home Thursday. Will look different because of Power School. Will print tomorrow. 3rd-5th grade parents will also receive information about state testing. If you're coming from another school, 3rd-5th grade parents might not receive it yet.
 - B. Sign report cards and send it back.
 - C. Email sent about COVID testing. It's done through UAB and state department. Each week, if your child opts to do it, they will receive a swab (not as intense as a normal COVID test swab) to see if they are asymptomatic. It won't take away from instruction time; they will get it and go right back to class.
 1. If they test positive, we do have to follow the MPS rules for a positive test.
 2. It is totally voluntary.

- D. Community forum tomorrow at Carver at 5:30 p.m.
 - E. We have an asynchronous day coming up, the day after the drive-in. Students will not be on Zoom all day. Parents will receive a packet Thursday to work independently that day. For grade levels that always take ChromeBooks home, they may have assignments in Schoology, but everyone else shouldn't have to do anything online.
 - F. Picture day: Same company as the last few years; they are great. Students are allowed to dress out of uniform; make sure clothes still follow MPS guidelines and they still have tennis shoes on. Forms will hopefully go out tomorrow for parents to order.
- V. PTA Reflections Contest – Candace & Jason Perkins
- A. Flyer will go out next month. Will have info about how to enter in addition to different categories available. The school selects winners to go to state, and the state selects winners to go to the national competition.
 - 1. Mrs. Farmer: the school doesn't pick the winners; they get independent judges to come in and decide.
- VI. FAAMily Drive-In Movie Night – Chris Aikens & Erin Bradshaw, Back-to-School Bash Coordinators
- A. Pre-purchase tickets and food items online--there is a link on the FAAM PTA website.
 - B. Tshirt deadline has passed, but we will still try to get orders completed.
 - C. It's in the football parking lot at ASU. All parking is coordinated through volunteers, so if you'd like to help, please contact Virginia Lacy.
 - D. Parking is first come first serve unless you're a business sponsor. The lot will open at 5:30.
 - E. Pre-purchase food to ensure that we have what you want and to keep too much cash from changing hands.

- F. We are going to have a spirit week leading up to it: Movie character Monday, Throwback Tuesday, Wacky Wednesday, and they can wear their bash (or FAAM) t-shirts on Thursday.
- G. October 28th starting at 5:30, and we're playing Adams Family.
- VII. Fundraising Report – Ja'Lisa Grissom & Haley Mann, Co-Vice Presidents of Fundraising
 - A. Ja'Lisa: Thank you for participating. We've had to get creative because of fundraising limitations.
 - B. Haley: We've had two quarters of the VIP auction, popcorn fundraiser, and cookie dough fundraiser (which is still going on--runs through next Monday).
 - 1. In November, we'll have a poinsettia fundraiser, and we'll be able to support a local greenhouse, Wheeler Greenhouses.
- VIII. Treasurer's Report – Michelle Willis, PTA Treasurer
 - A. Bank Balance: \$109,681.80
 - B. Did well last year, even with limited fundraising.
 - C. Teacher start-up money has been completed, and almost all teachers took advantage of that.
 - D. 2020-2021 audit was completed by Rayla Black.
 - E. Submitted taxes for fiscal year last week.
- IX. PTA Budget Vote for 2021-2022
 - A. Manisha: the budget was sent on the last few emails, and then you can also access it on the PTA website.
 - B. Motion: Ja'Lisa Grissom
 - C. Second: Haley Mann
 - D. None opposed
 - E. Budget passed
- X. Helpful Tips from Mrs. Colee, FAAM Librarian
 - A. MyOn is a digital library that has over 7,000 titles, mostly non-fiction, and many reluctant readers gravitate toward non-fiction.

- B. It is now connected to STAR, and it recommends books based on what they've read and what they might like.
- C. Can browse and search for specific titles
- D. The good thing about it is they can access it anytime they have access to the ChromeBooks/Internet in class or at home.
- E. The books are also connected to AR, so if you click "info," it'll tell them the AR information so that they'll be ready to take the AR test.
- F. It's a great tool to use at home to give them additional material to read besides their library books.
- G. MyOn is in Clever, and kids can access it with their Clever badges, which they should have at home.
 - 1. You access clever by www.clever.com.
 - 2. Clever badges are QR codes that are given by their homeroom teachers.
 - 3. Mrs. Farmer: anyone who doesn't have a badge should have a username and password, so if you don't have that, then email your child's homeroom teacher. In the past, we've offered 100 extra Reading test grade for anyone who meets their AR goal. We didn't do it for the first nine weeks, but that should be in place for this nine weeks and the rest of the year. It doesn't count against them if they don't meet it, but it's a huge help if they take advantage of it. Teachers should be sending information out about this soon.

XI. Other questions

- A. Hoodies and sweatshirts availability: we have had an issue with our suppliers' limited inventory, but we have reordered them to be restocked. We'll let everyone know when they'll be restocked.

XII. Upcoming Dates:

- MPS Town Hall Meeting at 5:30 PM, Carver High School – 10/20
- Fall Picture Day – 10/22
- Classic Cookie Dough Orders Due – 10/25

- FAAMily Drive-In Movie Night, 5:30-8 PM, ASU Football Parking Lot – 10/28
- Asynchronous Day – 10/29

- Veterans Day (No School) – 11/11

- Asynchronous Day – 11/12