

Meeting Minutes MVCS PTA January Member Meeting January 19, 202 6:30-8:00 PM via Zoom

- I. We were hacked! Thank you for your patience as we navigated a Zoom hack and had to start a new meeting.
- II. Update from Chris Suarez, ACPS School Board Member
 - A. Chris walked through the decision matrix for opening schools that can be found here.
 - B. ACPS is at a 50-75 percent capacity for staffing across the district. Chris is hopeful more teachers and staff will feel comfortable returning as they get vaccines.
 - C. Community health metrics will continue to be the main criteria in reopening decisions
 - D. When students return to ACPS will run a concurrent model -- meaning that kids will stay with their same teacher who will either be teaching in the classroom or via zoom. More details on the concurrent model can be found here.
 - E. ACPS is facing budget cuts from the city, however they are still trying to provide step increase pay boosts for most staff. Those who are not eligible for step increases will get a 1 percent pay increase. They feel this is important to keep up with the pay of neighboring districts.
 - F. The board will do a mid-year evaluation of Superintendent Hutchings.
 - G. Suarez is really worried about student learning loss and believes addressing learning loss needs to make that a priority for the district.
 - H. Ouestions from the members
 - 1. If some schools have a more critical level for staffing does that mean some schools in the district open and others remain virtual?
 - a) The school board's goal is to keep consistency across the district.
 - 2. Will ACPS change their decision matrix due to new Virginia reopening guidance?
 - a) Yes. Here is the new Virginia guidance.
 - 3. Are there plans for summer school?

a) Yes, there will probably be district-wide summer school like last year, but it's still very unclear if that will be virtual or in person. The school board has already approved moving the start date before Labor Day.

III. Updates from Principal Burrell

- A. MVCS staffing and capacity at a critical level, meaning less than 50 percent of teachers and staff are able to come back.
- B. When it is time to return, you will be getting an email via Powerschool listing your return preferences. You should contact your grade-level administrators if you want to change your preference.
- C. MVCS will only be able to fit 9 kids in each classroom under the hybrid option.
- D. If a teacher is unable to return, the children in that class who do return will learn on zoom with a monito/proctor in the room.
- E. Questions from members
 - 1. Will any hybrid scheduling considerations be made for siblings or podmates to help the coordination of child care arrangements?
 - a) For siblings, yes.
 - 2. How can parents get access to formative assessment results?
 - a) Reach out to the teacher first to schedule time. Will remind teachers to schedule times with parents looking to learn more.

IV. Treasurer's Report, Patrick Smith

- A. Current Picture
 - 1. Balance/Equilibrar: \$110,921.42
 - 2. Receipts for FY/Recibos para FY: \$44,906.30
 - 3. Expenses for FY/Gastos para FY: \$43,957.79
- B. Recent Spending
 - 1. Teacher reimbursement/reembolso del maestro: \$200
 - 2. Salsana assembly/asamblea de salsana:\$1300
 - 3. Virtual Huntley Meadows trip/viaje virtual a huntley meadows: \$405
 - 4. Dental & Vision/dental y de la vista: \$277.47
 - 5. Food Star cards/Tarjetas Food Star: \$9000
 - 6. BIAB: \$67.50
 - 7. Fundraiser Supplies/suministros para recaudación de fondos: \$409.1

C. Recent Receipts

- 1. Dues/deudas: \$40
- 2. Various individual gifts/varios regalos individuales: \$1180
- 3. Giving Tuesday/Dando martes: \$2989.05
- 4. FFF (Jen Walker): \$10,000

V. Approved December minutes

VI. PTA Business and Dates

- A. Great feedback on Huntley Meadows field trip and Unos Dos Tres Assembly
- B. UPcoming Activities

 - a. February -- Valentine's Dance, February 13, 6-9 pmb. Spring Break -- Special virtual enrichment activities throughout the week.