



**MVCS PTA General Membership Meeting
Zoom
November 18, 2021**

- 1. Welcome and pictures of PTA events the last month – Megan Reing**
- 2. PTA Updates and Announcements – Megan Reing:**
 - Big than you to Kita McCord and Lauren Heslep (Pumpkin Bingo), Dana Colarulli and Emily O’Connell (Fall Fundraiser), Sarah Amesbury (Reflections) and Lisa League (BIAB and yearbook). Fabulous Fall Fundraiser had approximately 260 guests and raised nearly \$20,000.
 - Ms. Peace is teacher of the year at MVCS, parents and students are asked to send a letter of support/recommendation to Ms. Burrell by 11/30.
 - Still looking for volunteers for tutoring consortium, yearbook (especially 5th grade), blessing in a backpack.
 - Next PTA member meeting in December, share your family traditions, holiday celebrations and foods (photos, cooking demo, home decorations, etc.) in English or Spanish for 3-5 minutes.
 - Reminder as pediatric vaccines are now available for 5-11 year olds, on MVCS PTA website under resources there is a COVID pediatric vaccine powerpoint from the October PTA meeting with substantial information.
 - Meeting minutes from last meeting approved. Ed Mills motion to approve, participants seconded and approved.

3. Where does the PTA money go – Megan Reing:

- Teacher grants/reimbursements, seesaw license, kinesthetic equipment, scholastic magazines, soundboard for music teachers, local motion online video library, coats, emergency food grocery cards, supplement blessing in a backpack, dual language books, international night, science night, ice cream social, assemblies, PTA website, dual language parent handbook, PTAC equity fund, Alexandria scholarship fund, supported help desk during virtual learning, teacher appreciation (donuts and coffee, lunches and monthly staff raffle).

4. PTA Treasurer Report – Patrick Smith:

- 75,188 balance, 25,228 spending, 16,780 receipts. For receipts, lots of spirit sale events, cash at pumpkin/bingo night, etc. Next month will see additional spending and receipts with fall fundraiser.
- Type of expenses to date include pumpkins, dual language handbook, covid response items, teacher appreciation, etc.

5. Q&A with Ms. Burrell

Concern with number of covid cases:

- Covid testing at MVCS had 117 students selected to test. Second week - 130. This week we had 30. Parent feedback: Is there a way to streamline opting in, it's difficult to do every week.
- Nine cases reported since beginning of school year, seven of which were this month. MVCS largest elementary, only 1 percent of student population has had COVID identified. When community partners start operating also impacts things, vaccines are here so hopefully things get better.
- Keep in mind if child vaccinated does not have to quarantine as a close contact if they have a negative PCR test.
- AHD and MVCS have protocols and procedures that they have to follow for quarantines. Please keep in mind, MVCS does not make quarantine policies, ACPS does.
- There will be a mechanism to let school know a child is vaccinated, in the meantime you can email school nurse as a heads up.
- MVCS may be a vaccination site, requested by Ms. Burrell.

When will clubs start again?

- The expectation is that clubs will restart in January, and that MVCS will slowly begin to allow in vaccinated volunteers.

School infrastructure projects?

- For the cafeteria, project that was scheduled for this year is done. Coming down the road, painting/designing murals. The kitchen was supposed to be done by January but will now be February.
- Capital plan - need to think about what MVCS needs and advocate for, such as courtyard, etc.
- In December, MVCS will consider larger plan for grounds.

Additional News from Ms. Burrell:

- Kids will have their field day celebration on Friday, Nov. 19.
- Teachers did a video introducing themselves – please check it out. A fun and creative way to do introductions!
- Presentation on recovering missed language learning will be rescheduled as Mr Sanayoa not feeling well.