



MVCS PTA General Membership Meeting

May 26, 2022

MVCS Cafeteria

Welcome - Megan Reing

Resources for a difficult time: Megan Reing

This has been a hard week in hard year. As an educator in 4th grade and as a parent, this has been difficult. But you are here and you are showing up so thank you. Instead of look for the helpers, be the helpers. Resources have been made available by ACPS on how to talk to your children about news events that have occurred this last week.

PTA Updates - Megan Reing

- International night - thank you! Feedback received, prefer outside if possible. Will do outside when we can.
- Big Flea - thank you! Big success in terms of community and money raised!
- Order your yearbook! Link in memberhub. 5th graders get a yearbook courtesy of the PTA.
- Also order your school supplies next year. You can buy for yourself and for others in need.
- MVCS is recommitting to uniforms next year.
 - Builds community and school pride
 - Safety off school grounds
 - Fewer social distractions
 - Reinforces school behavior expectations
 - We are trying to get everyone a shirt for next year.
- First MVCS Alumni Scholarship Winner - Daviana Robles-Monge
Learn more about ASF, they do great work within ACPS and have lots of volunteer opportunities, including to read essays.

Treasurer Report - Patrick Smith

- Balance \$86,186
- FY Spending: \$72,664
- Taken in: \$76449
- Took in \$23,000 through Spring2Action and Big Flea.
- Spending was around teacher appreciation lunch, garden, economic supply units, Eye2Eye, etc.

Thank You/Recognition/Special Awards: Megan Reing

- Thank you to outgoing board members:
 - Martha Davis, Dual language, past president
 - Patrick Smith, Treasurer
 - Caroline Simpson, Communications
 - Dana Colarulli, Fundraising
- Special awards:
 - NOVA District Volunteer of the Year - Brigida Martinez
 - Living Legend of Alexandria - Rosa Landeros
 - PTAC Golden Apple Award - Evan Dougherty
 - Recognition of Megan Reing as PTA president (Presentation by Kelly, Brigida and Teofila)

Approve our incoming PTA executive committee - Megan Reing
Motion to approve, Dana Colarulli - Seconding by Kelly Chmielewski

Board approved, but we still need volunteers for:

- Gardening
- Dual language committee
- Special education liason
- Website understudy
- Flocking

Updates from Ms. Burrell - Ms. Burrell

- Meet our admin team and new assistant principals
 - (Ms. Salvador/Ms. Ricks)
 - Strong student support team - Ms. Ford is taking a sabbatical next year, and we had to find the right fit and we found it!
- Updates DL program:

Only full dual language program in the division. Our focus is to educate our families on how these programs work. We are always improving based on evidence based best practices. Ms. Hamilton is conveying this to school board meeting today. Spanish Language arts block will be introduced next year for grades 3-5. It's a scheduling challenge but it is starting. We are going

to start preparing for 2023-2024 with changes to dual language. In 2023 we will switch curriculum switch it, math and science in English and social studies, etc in Spanish. Benchmark has great books and resources and we will be using purchasing them.

- Q&A

Q: John Adams has 70/30 split Spanish/English for younger kids and MVCS is 50/50. Do we have a timeline in place to do a 70/30 model for younger kids (k-2) .

A: Yes starting in 2023. We need to have fully bilingual teachers.

Q: Will kids that are starting to learn English struggle in 70/30 teaching model?

A: No, they will scaffold the language and will be able to go through the process. Burrell will provide training and education in bilingual teaching program to showcase how these practices do work.

Q: teachers get promoted with the kids? Where are we with that? (looping)

A: We need to figure out certification, staffing issues. We continue to consider that for relationship building.

Q: Are there active shooter drills in place this year?

A: Yes, ALICE drills have taken place this year

Q: Will summer language academy be available to the full student population next year?

A: I hope to see more of that next year, but staffing issues will contribute to that.

Additional Update:

Security - Safety: I am aware of concerns about security and safety. We have a very strong central office of safety and security and we stay in close communication with those offices. We are working with them to ensure we have the resources and processes in place.