



### May 25 Member Meeting

\*no Ms. Porterfield, Dr. Burrell will cover summer learning to an extent.

1. Thanks for International Night support
  - a. Great participation
  - b. Thanks to Spice Kraft for generous discount
  - c. Special thanks to Boyle School of Irish Dance
2. Events
  - a. 5<sup>th</sup> picnic – June 9
  - b. 5<sup>th</sup> promotion – June 13
    - i. Still need coolers with ice dropped off – volunteers from 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade parents
    - ii. Email Marina or use Sign Up Genius
  - c. Field Day – June 2
    - i. All volunteer positions filled
3. Yearbook
  - a. All 5<sup>th</sup> graders receive yearbook courtesy of PTA
  - b. Distribution is not until the 15<sup>th</sup> (last day of school); if books can't be distributed on the 15<sup>th</sup>, pick up at MVCS or Casa Chirilagua on June 16; additional option is to have it mailed
    - i. All options on member hub/member hub store
  - c. Can donate a yearbook as well (cover cost for X students)
4. School Supplies for 2023/24
  - a. Now available for purchase
  - b. Open until June 25
  - c. Delivered to classrooms at the beginning of the school year – ready for your child when they arrive on first day
    - i. Link on MVCS PTA Facebook page
    - ii. Link also in Thursday folder (print URL code)

5. Walk to School Safety
  - a. Advocacy group has worked to get city on board to get x-ing guard for Commonwealth side of the school
  - b. Police officer in AMs at driveway area/Library to support – advocating to make that permanent; also working on signage to increase awareness
  - c. Removing parking spots to increase visibility for dropoff
6. Thank you to outgoing board members and highlight of new/standing board for 2023/24; new board approved
7. Updates from Dr. Burrell
  - a. May 30, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade concert
  - b. Kindergarten concert, June 9
  - c. Talent Show – not a parent event
  - d. Summer Language Academy, Young Scholars
    - i. 500 students total across both programs
    - ii. Questions re: SLA – allows for a more informal/fun approach to dual language; experiential
  - e. Summer Learning Loss – avoiding big gaps, especially with Spanish language acquisition
    - i. Attend summer language academy
    - ii. DC area events/concerts/activities that bring an opportunity for language exposure without the feel of academic/formal school setting
    - iii. Reading challenge over the summer w/incentives for participation
    - iv. Additional activities for summer engagement with learning via social studies/science/math coming home via Thursday folder
  - f. Thanks to Advocacy group for all the work completed/ continued efforts to improve students’ experiences at MVCS
8. Treasurer Report
  - a. Note that carry over balance in the past has been on the high side, efforts to spend down towards priority programs and events (Ex: Community Building, including PTAC equity fund, Teacher Appreciation; School health and wellness; Programs; School enrichment; Teacher Supplies Fund; BIAB) one reason why spending high
    - i. Spring fundraising events: Spring2Action; Cinco de Mile Run; MemberHub (receipts for membership); Mighty Cause; Amazon Smile
9. Be Smart Presentation
  - a. Program developed by Everytown for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action
  - b. Purpose is to give ideas about how to talk with family/kids about safety and guns
  - c. Common goals across divisions about feelings re: gun/gun control/gun right
    - i. All want kids to be safe
    - ii. All have rights responsibility
    - iii. All want to find solutions
  - d. Firearms are leading cause of death for children in the United States
  - e. 76% of shooters under age of 18 obtained gun from relative, friend (kids have access to guns)
  - f. Range of violence from guns; not just school shootings (suicide, accidental death due to unsafe handling/left unsupervised)

- g. Responsibility of parents/caregivers – BE SMART
  - i. **Secure:** store gun safely; unloaded; locked
    - 1. Range of options for keeping gun locked and secured, including free options like gun cable locks (via city/sometimes stores)
  - ii. **Model** responsible behavior
  - iii. **Ask** about unsecured guns in other homes – part of general safety conversation; try email/text; use it as a question just as you would other basic questions
  - iv. **Recognize** role of guns in suicide – high likelihood of death by gun
  - v. **Tell** – share resources, information, communication with other people