



**PTA General Membership Meeting  
January 20, 2021, 9:30am  
Via Zoom  
Meeting Minutes**

- I. 9:34am – meeting called to order by Maya & Stella, co-Presidents.
  - a. Reminder of zoom protocols – please leave questions in the chat.
- II. 9:35am – Marcia, co-secretary, reading and approval of the minutes. Motion to waive reading, second, and approved.
- III. 9:36am – Treasures’ report, Mike gives an update.
  - a. Revenue: 58% of our budget.
    - i. Received revenue for direct appeal, auction, and school supplies. Some rolled over to January. We’ll continue with Direct Appeal to the end of the year.
  - b. Expenditures: Expect the number to go up in the spring with planning for next year, graduation, and javas.
- IV. 9:38am - Principal’s report, Jacqui.
  - a. Big day today - Inauguration Day. Classes 1 – 4 are synchronous, 5 – 7 asynchronous. School discussed what to do about the inauguration. Decided it was a personal choice to watch with families, to see our democracy at work, and not to take it for granted. Teachers are prepared for conversations to continue past today.
  - b. When is school reopening? We don’t know! Waiting for DOE. Looking forward to having kids back in the building.
  - c. Morton has scheduled informal chats with elementary school families on Monday/Tuesday before Christmas. Two more scheduled on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks to Maya and the staff for the video.
  - d. High School meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Guidance counselors have sent 15 – 16 High School letters to families. DOE High School admissions is not open yet, but soon.
  - e. January 27<sup>th</sup> is the SHSAT testing day. Welcome back Jill! Ilene is on a SHSAT zoom call with Val. Fish did it yesterday to learn about the process and give to the students.
  - f. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> is the last day that our two guidance counselors will be able to review HS applications. Applications are due on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Counselors will give advice, but won’t tell families what to do.
  - g. For next year’s budget we need to know what families are coming back. Planning of the budget has been based on population. They need to think about September.
  - h. D2 superintendent will be announced shortly.
  - i. Javas with Jacqui and Jill welcomed two doctors last Friday who talked about strategies on what you can do at home to keep the peace, stay calm, and listen in smarter ways to your children, but anyone in the house.
  - j. Interim superintendent came to visit the school last week. Visited 7<sup>th</sup> grade science & math, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies. She left knowing 75 Morton. Picked up on the care and warmth of the school and was amazed by our technology and the communication with and among the students.
  - k. Jacqui and team meet with bungalows every other week and saw some remarkable sensitivity and community amongst the students.
- V. 9:49am – Presidents’ report, Stella and Maya.



- a. Past events.
  - i. Magic Show. Thanks to Jen Wenk for introducing the school to the magician. Went so well they'll have another magic show next month.
  - ii. Holiday Gifts. Thank you to families for contributing. Everyone received an Amazon GC. Lovely letters were sent from staff. Thank you! Beverly thanked for collecting the donations.
  - iii. Year End Giving. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Direct Appeal. We're still collecting through the end of the year.
- b. Upcoming events.
  - i. Morton cookbook available for download. It's a beautiful book! Don't have to donate, but asking for \$10. Printed books will be available next week. 43 recipes from parents, students, teachers and staff with photos throughout from our students during their food photography lesson last year.
  - ii. Video Festival, January 22. This Friday at 4pm – Glen & Jessica. Glen says they got a flurry of entries. Everyone will get to watch and it'll go by quickly. Nice entries! Good start for a new thing to do for Morton. 23 videos submitted. It will be posted on the website with a password.
  - iii. Morton Day, Feb. 3. Fun activities from 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> period. Val has planned for events for students.
  - iv. Dance Party, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> – Mark. Hosted by DJ Manny (chef of the school). Lists were sent out to the students to get music ideas from the kids. It'll give time for DJ Manny to find clean versions of songs. So far, mostly 6<sup>th</sup> graders have requested songs. This event is only for students – parents enjoy the hour break.
  - v. Magic Show, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 3pm. Sign up soon. Marcia reached out to a new magician, which will take audiences through a historical journey of magic. Will also feature a 75 Morton student.
- c. 9:57am – PTA/SLT Elections.
  - i. Nominating Committee needs to be created by February's meeting. We need to create a nominating committee of 3-5 parents to oversee the PTA/SLT elections. Please volunteer. Email [pta@75morton.org](mailto:pta@75morton.org).
- VI. 9:58am – SLT, Bruce. [slt@75morton.org](mailto:slt@75morton.org)
  - a. Thanks Heather for the smooth transition of power.
  - b. Not much to report as their first meeting will be on Monday. There is mandatory training that the SLT needs to go over.
- VII. 9:59am - Community updates.
  - a. Marcia gives an update to Thunder Buddies event.
    - i. Only one family showed up, mostly the people there were the mentors. They all played "Celebrity". 6th Grade Parents, please make an extra effort to attend our Thunder Buddy meet up every second Tuesday of the month from 5:00pm to 5:30pm. This is a way for you to show your children that you are interested in their school community, and for you to build a relationship with fellow 6th grade parents that could last for the entire middle school tenure. Sometimes, we inform you to invite your children so that they could meet with fellow 6th graders. This builds a relationship between all of all. If you have any questions,



please reach out to your Thunder Buddy Parent/s. We are all here to make your middle school walk easier.

- b. Shannon gives an update on Neighborhood meet-ups.
    - i. Thanks to everyone who is hosting and planning to host. They're going to take a pause for the winter, and they'll start up again in the spring.
  - c. Carmen, co-chair with Stella shares information about the 8<sup>th</sup> graduation committee.
    - i. Graduation will be virtual. DJ Larry already hired.
    - ii. We need parent volunteers to chair/co-chair the yearbook, the T-shirt design contest, and the virtual party/event. Please contact [graduation@75morton.org](mailto:graduation@75morton.org).
- VIII. 10:03 – Old Business  
IX. 10:03 – New Business  
X. 10:03 – Meeting Adjourned

See you at the next PTA meeting on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Submitted by Carmen Lamar Daehler & Marcia George, co-secretary.

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