



PTA General Membership Meeting

May 19, 2021

Via Zoom, 9:30am

Meeting Minutes

- I. 9:32am – meeting called to order by Maya & Stella, co-Presidents
 - a. Reminder of zoom protocols – please leave questions in the chat.
 - b. Questions will be addressed during the meeting, in upcoming newsletters, or direct email.
 - c. Please fill out the attendance google sheet form in the chat.
- II. 9:33am Reading and Approval of minutes
 - a. Maya motions to waive reading and approve minutes. Motion, seconded, and approved.
- III. 9:33am – Treasures’ report, Mike gives an update | ptatreasurer@75morton.org
 - a. Modest uptick in revenue at \$141K with most coming from direct appeal and 8th grade package.
 - b. Expenditure of \$68K for graduation, general admin expenses, admin support and consulting. Net revenue at \$73K.
 - c. We’ll have a budget for the next meeting to vote on. Many live events will be brought back. We hope our expenditures & fundraising efforts will increase for those events.
- IV. 9:35am - Principal’s report, Jacqui. (Ilene and Jill, Katie is on maternity leave!)
 - a. A letter will be sent out regarding new information on the Regents exam. If you do take the Regents and you don’t like the grade, you have the option to keep it off your transcript, however, the school will still have a record as well as the MySchools account.
 - b. Budgets expected next month.
 - c. Katie had a baby girl two weeks ago today and last Friday, Thomas just had twin baby boys!
 - d. State tests are done!
 - e. Summer Rising – details forthcoming.
 - f. Unsilencing Racism workshop for parents was held on Monday. Jacqui asks parents to chime in about their experience. Parents talk about what they learned, how to better communicate, and speak up even when feeling doubt or unsure of what to say. Teachers & staff will have their workshop on the 8th.
 - g. Teachers will be taking a workshop this summer on Reimagining Education for a Racial Justice Society in a summer institute. Teachers are looking forward to it.
 - h. Teachers are finishing up their lip sync for graduation. Staff really poured it on. Can’t wait! The graduation video will be wonderful! Looking forward to the diploma walk.
 - i. Morton Day last Friday was a blast. The teachers had the best time.
 - j. Orientation plans are underway and will take place on the June 3rd. Excited to get that started. Will ask current 6th & 7th graders to help.
 - k. 29 of our 8th grade students got offered seats to specialized testing High Schools. Up quite a bit from last year. Proud of the kids!
 - l. Please bring in library books. A notice will be sent out to students who have outstanding book.
- V. 9:50 am – Nominations for the 2021-2022 PTA Executive Board & SLT
 - a. Nominating committee members Beverly, Rae and Ute read the nominees this morning and will take more nominations from the floor at the end of the meeting.
- VI. 9:54am – Presidents’ report, Stella and Maya
 - a. Past events.
 - i. Pick your Path: Improv – Thanks to Jessica for bringing Hideout Theatre to us.



- ii. Staff Appreciation Lunch – hosted on the rooftop for the staff. Quite beautiful and delicious!
- iii. Dance Party – DJ Manny returned. Mark hosted the event, kept up the energy!
- iv. Unsilencing the Fear of Racism. We had our 2nd part series about race with Ken & Renee. We'll continue these conversations next year. Teachers/staff will also continue their work with Ken and Renee next month.
- b. Upcoming events
 - i. T-Shirt Drop – Congratulations to 6th grader Dea. She had the winning design for our t-shirt contest. Buy your t-shirt and help raise money for the school. Orders are due at the end of the month for delivery in mid-June.
 - ii. Class of 2024 Orientation – June 3rd.
 - iii. Yearbooks are in production and will arrive mid-June. Every student will receive a copy. Asking families to contribute \$25 per student to help pay for the cost of the yearbook. Sponsorships welcome too!
 - iv. Year End Gifts - In the spirit of showing thanks, we will be collecting money to give gift cards to all teachers and staff members. Be on the lookout for an email with more details.
- VII. 9:02am School Leadership Team (SLT) Report | slt@75morton.org – nothing to report
- VIII. 10:02am - Committee updates
 - a. Stella gives an update to Thunder Buddies event.
 - i. Thanks to chairs, Jake, Beverly, and Marcia for organizing activities. Thanks to all who attended. Thunder Buddies will continue next year hopefully with more in-person get togethers.
 - b. Shannon gives an update on Neighborhood meetups.
 - i. Recent Tribeca meetup was so much fun. Parents and kids enjoyed it. Hoping for two more gatherings before the end of the year.
 - c. Carmen gives an update on 8th graduation committee | graduation@75morton.org.
 - i. 8th grade graduation – June 17th @ 5pm.
 - ii. Diploma, yearbook, and T-shirt pickup for 8th graders in the yard on June 18th.
 - iii. Purchase limited edition 2021 hoodie and donate to graduation & direct appeal!
- IX. 10:04 am – Old Business – nothing to report
- X. 10:04 - New Business – nothing to report
- XI. 10:05 – Close Nominations for the 2021-20211 PTA Executive Board & SLT
 - a. The slate was closed and will run unopposed.
 - b. Elections held at June PTA meeting on June 16th.
- XII. 10:06 am – Meeting Adjourned

See you at the next & final PTA meeting of the school year on **June 16th**

2020-2021 PTA Executive Board
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Co-presidents (pta@75morton.org): Maya Brewster-Dorian & Stella Chang
Co-1st Vice Presidents: Millet Israeli & Corrine Moreno-Geis
Co-2nd Vice Presidents: Beverly Buscemi & Mark DeLaBarre
Co-Treasurers (ptaTreasurer@75morton.org): Angel Marshall & Michael Sobel
CO-Secretaries: Marcia George & Carmen Lamar Daehler
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