



**PTA General Membership Meeting**

**June 16, 2021**

**Via Zoom, 9:30am**

**Meeting Minutes - DRAFT**

- I. 9:35am – meeting called to order by Maya & Stella, co-Presidents
  - a. Please fill out attendance google sheet form in the chat.
- II. 9:35am – Reading and Approval of minutes
  - a. Maya motions to waive reading and approve minutes. Motion, seconded, and approved.
- III. 9:36am – Treasures’ report, Mike gives an update | [ptatreasurer@75morton.org](mailto:ptatreasurer@75morton.org)
  - a. PTA to vote on 2021-2022 Budget. Expecting to have all events in person next year.
  - b. Expecting to raise 210K in total revenue for next year.
  - c. Direct appeal – the number of 87K is similar to the amount for this year. We expect to raise more money but we have fewer students attending.
  - d. Expenditure of \$210K for a balanced budget.
    - i. The amount for academic support will be lower than it has been.
    - ii. Classroom supplies have been purchased this year using DOE funds so we won’t need to purchase much next year.
    - iii. Enrichment programs – workshops with Ken & Renee will continue. Hopefully you’ve participated. Highly recommended for teachers and parents.
    - iv. Expenses for in-person graduation will be offset with numbers raised for 8<sup>th</sup> grade package.
    - v. School fundraisers, like the auction expenses will be higher than last year since we’ll be in person.
  - e. PTA will revisit the budget in the fall to make revisions if necessary. Planning on a great year!
  - f. Motion to approve and pass the budget is made. Budget for the 2021-2022 school year has been approved. Thank you, Mike!
- IV. 9:41am – Principal’s report, Jacqui. (Ilene and Jill)
  - a. 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation was a success on Zoom. Started with the magic show from Morton student, Chase. Some other current 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders participated and were wonderful ambassadors for the school. Parents signed off and kids stayed together in break out rooms.
  - b. Career Day – success! A few tech glitches where some families were invited back, but it went very well. Variety of careers were showcased. A strong message to our kids about the diversity of work that’s out there. Kids really loved it. There was a meet up for presenters this past week for professional connecting.
  - c. Graduation coming up! Tomorrow at 5pm. Send the link to everyone around. We want to brag that we’re in 50 countries! We want a lot of people watching it. So much work behind the scenes to make this video.
  - d. Diploma walk on Friday – it will be a beautiful day. Wonderful send off to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - e. Jacqui is retiring! She’ll send a big letter of thanks next week. She thanks the co-presidents, and staff, parents, and children. Ilene and Jill will be here and Katie will be coming back. The team is in place. The new principal will be announced next week.
- V. 9:50 am – 2021-2022 PTA Executive Board & SLT Elections
  - a. Beverly reads the list of names of the uncontested slate for the PTA EB and SLT.  
Co-Presidents: Maya Brewster-Dorian & Rebecca Lupardo  
Treasurer: Mike Sobel  
Co-1st Vice Presidents: Millet Israeli & Shannon Meglio



Co-2nd Vice Presidents: Jessica Dillman & Sarah Ireland

Co-Secretaries: Yesenia De Avila & Marcia George

Members-at-Large: Angelique Kauffman, Angel Marshall, Deborah Posternak Assayag & Kim Shay

2021-2023 School Leadership Team Members: Colleen Blair & Deborah Posternak Assayag

- b. A motion is made to approve and pass. Co-secretary, Carmen, casts the vote to elect the candidates for the PTA Executive Board and School Leadership Team. Congratulations!

VI. 9:54am – Presidents’ report, Stella and Maya

a. Past events.

- i. T-shirt Drop. The new design by a Morton 6<sup>th</sup> grader with the incredible skyline raised \$500. We’ll continue to do student designs next year.
- ii. D2 Cares Amazon Wish List. Morton partnered with PS 41to donate goods through Amazon’s Wish List for families who are in shelters. Items needed for the kids. Please purchase and donate.

b. Upcoming events

- i. Yearbook – should be coming in today. Every family will receive one. Asking for a \$25 donation.
- ii. Year End Gifts. Families are not allowed to give individual gifts to teachers and staff per DOE guidelines. Instead, we’ll do a big collection and get GC for all from all families. Venmo Bev.
- iii. Graduation tomorrow, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Bring the tissues! It’s ends at 6:15pm. The link is on the website. Please send to family and friends. The video will be available for 8<sup>th</sup> grade families to download as a keepsake.
- iv. Diploma Walk – June 18<sup>th</sup>. Schedule has been sent. Two guests per students. Families will remain on the street, while students enter the yard to collect their yearbook, t-shirt, and diploma. Staff will be there, too!
- v. Thunder Buddy Program coming back for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Current 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders will volunteer to be captains. Will be virtual with plans for an in-person get together before school begins.
- vi. School Supplies. Families will purchase their own school supplies. Can be purchased through School Tool Box. Once teachers know what they’re teaching the list will be put together and posted on school website.
- vii. Report cards available on the 25<sup>th</sup> and can be seen on your MyStudent portal.

VII. 10:01 am School Leadership Team (SLT) Report | [slt@75morton.org](mailto:slt@75morton.org)

- a. Bruce gives an update. SLT met on Monday for final meeting of this year. Superintendent Kelly McGuire was in attendance and he thoroughly explained the process for selecting an interim successor for principal. Good input from SLT members, which include teachers and parents, about what they want. They’re putting a letter together for Kelly this Friday.

VIII. 10:05 – Special Thanks. From Stella to Jacqui for her service to the school, but also reminding families that the team is in place so families don’t need to worry. And a special thanks to Stella for all her contributions and service to the school. Thank you, Stella and Jacqui. Good luck Maya and Rebecca! You’ll be great!

IX. 10:05 am – Old Business – nothing to report.

X. 10:05 - New Business – nothing to report

XI. 10:06 am – Meeting Adjourned

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**



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2020-2021 PTA Executive Board

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Co-presidents ([pta@75morton.org](mailto:pta@75morton.org)): Maya Brewster-Dorian & Stella Chang

Co-1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents: Millet Israeli & Corrine Moreno-Geis

Co-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents: Beverly Buscemi & Mark DeLaBarre

Co-Treasurers ([ptaTreasurer@75morton.org](mailto:ptaTreasurer@75morton.org)): Angel Marshall & Michael Sobel

CO-Secretaries: Marcia George & Carmen Lamar Daehler

Members at Large: Jake Daehler, Jessica Dillman, Glen Friedman, Rebecca Lupardo, Shannon Meglio, Kim Shay