



Charles Ellis Montessori Academy
PTA
General Membership Meeting-
August 27, 2020

Call to Order, Inspiration, and Welcome
Old Business: January Minutes Approval (attached)
News from Ms. Tanya
Treasurer's Report
Committee Updates
Boosterthon Updates
New Business: 2020-2021 Budget (attached)
Announcements from School Council and MESS
Bobcat Community Partner Spotlight
Announcements
Adjournment



Special Thanks to our
2020-2021
Business Sponsors:

Mathnasium

Sylvan Learning Center

Perc Coffee

Brighter Day

Local Farm Bag

Interested in becoming a PTA Business
Sponsor? Please contact
Melanie (912-856-6210) or
Holly (912-856-6982)

MEET YOUR PTA BOARD

Co-Presidents – Melanie Finnegan & Holly McCormick

Secretary – Dionne McAfee

Treasurer – Beverly Hall

Principal – Tanya Melville

Committee Chairs

Arts Enrichment – Amanda Fanelli

Bobcat Dads – Sean Finnegan

Campus Beautification – Jeni Brady

Communications – Sarah Smith

Cultural Diversity – Beverly Johnson

Health & Wellness – Mary Britton Senseney & Sarah Hartley

Membership – Lori Wynn

Parent Advisory – Kelly Pack & Erin Roma

School Safety – Christy Caughran

Science Enrichment – Jennifer Bailey & Lauren Wills

Teacher/Staff Appreciation – Yvette Upton

Teacher Liaison – Lisa O'Donnell

FALL PTA EVENTS

SPIRIT NIGHT – September 1, Chipotle on Victory

ROLE MODEL READERS – October 27

REFLECTIONS SHOWCASE – October TBD

READ-A-THON – November

WREATH SALES – November

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING –

November 12, 6:30 pm

OTHER NOTEWORTHY FALL DATES

LABOR DAY – September 7

FALL BREAK – October 9

VETERAN'S DAY/ HOLIDAY – November 11

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE – October 5

EARLY VOTING – October 12- October 30

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE – Oct. 30

RETURN ABSENTEE BALLOT/ ELECTION – Nov. 3

Ellis PTA Membership meeting 1/23/2020
6:38 call to order

November minutes:

Heidi moves, David second: motion passes

Tanya:

Bosterthon a wonderful success

Staff has a focus for professional learning communities – love watching teachers teach each other...had lots of 'aha' moments.

Map data – shows making growth and that's always a good thing.

Posted on website is GMAS materials – highly encourage parents to go to those links...study assessments, prep tests. Test taking not very Montessori but it is a practical life skill that they will use throughout their lives

State climate survey is out there for parents to participate in – at state and district level they see that our parents are engaged and participating.

Melanie: Kids ran over 11k laps and over 700 miles – exceeding 18k goal – brought in 20k. Now we have the extra fun task of spending money

Holly: Spring grants: Jan 27 closed Feb. 12 – will be awarded Feb 24-28. Will use rubric we used in the fall. Looking at budget for spring grants: 10-12k. Send in those grant applications!

Treasurer report, (David for Larry):

Cash on hand: 49184.48

Financially we are in incredibly sound shape and look forward to putting it to good use.

Arts enrichment, Amanda: waiting to hear results about Reflections. Sent entries to district and they send it to state.

This spring looking for help with a band night or talent show. Would love to work with anyone wanting to apply for a grant from GADOA – think we'd have a good chance of getting up to 5k.

Bobcat dads, Sean: Mascot has been a big hit with the kids. Also had a dads read day and have more planned throughout the year.

Campus beautification, Heidi: wreath sale – had best sale. goal was 600, raised 1238. Money will go to pond projects. Nurse Chris in need of tissues, always. **Sean:** We did decking on outside of pond. Made a slide show that will posted on the website

Communications, Sarah: Ellismontessoripta.org – has agendas and minutes.

Another way to cut down on paper

Membership: getting closer to our goal of 200 –

Parent advisory, Kelly: Feb. 25 is PTA day at the capitol – working to get a bus to take up to Atlanta if anyone wants to go.

Workshops: last one when really well. Next one feb.22 cover parent/student rights
National PTA leg. Conf. in DC coming up
Savannah Chatham council meeting at Godley Station and will announce reflections

Science enrichment: Jenn Bailey – will have science night Tues. 28 after the gmas.

Special events: Thanks for volunteering at fall festival and fest of lights

Cultural diversity: Culture fest is Feb. 27

Teacher appreciation, Yvette: Want to take a moment to appreciate teachers who are here – stand up, thanks for staying late and being here. Thank you for all you do
Had a great turnout at potluck in fall – actually ran out of food and had to go out and get more.
Have a box lunch event in March and teacher app. Week May 4-8. Will be doing diff activities for the teachers each day

Teacher Liaison, Lisa: Please read your bobcat blasts and emails

Melanie: and we are starting a new committee (for playground improvements) (Scripted rundown of boosterthon). We feel bad for not being able to complete this vision – ad hoc committee has been created to figure out shade for the playground. Want to have a go-forward plan at April meeting

No new business

School council: Feb. 3 at 3:30

Suzy, Mess: March 27 annual mess party. Trying to work out a plan for coinciding kid party.

Announcements:

Spring calendar rundown

Charles ellis presents is Feb. 7 – donations taken \$5 suggested. Produced and performed by the students

Holly: give shout out to Ms. Lisa for heading Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl

Tanya: retreat for staff at Wesley gardens on mindful self compassion.

Meeting adjourned 7:20pm

Charles Ellis Montessori Academy PTA Proposed Budget 2020-2021

Operating Expenses	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
Council/State/National Dues	\$ 850	\$ 800
State/National Leadership Training	\$ 1,500	\$ 100
Volunteer Appreciation	\$ 600	\$ 250
Insurance	\$ 300	\$ 300
Incorporation	\$ 30	\$ 30
Office Supplies, postage	\$ 100	\$ 100
Total	\$ 3,380	\$ 1,580

Grants and Scholarships	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
Experience Grants: Field Trips, Travel/Transport	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,000
Grants: Materials, supplies, technology	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,000
"Do Good Things" Grant	\$ 500	\$ 500
Playground Improvement: Trees	\$ 12,000	\$ 7,100
Playground Improvement: MPR dividers	\$ -	\$ 4,900
Total	\$ 16,500	\$ 22,500

Bobcat Dads	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
Breakfast events (3)	\$ 200	\$ -
Bobcat Costume	\$ 400	\$ -
Role Model Readers	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 600	\$ -

Arts Enrichment	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
Art Based Workshops	\$ 400	\$ -
Reflections	\$ 400	\$ 200
Talent Show	\$ 700	\$ 500
Supplies for Montessori Boxes	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Spring for the Arts	\$ 700	\$ -
Total	\$ 2,200	\$ 1,700

Montessori Advocacy	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
Child in Nature	\$ -	\$ -
Parent Ed Classes support	\$ -	\$ -
Montessori Materials	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800
Colloquium refreshments	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800

Campus Safety	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
tbd	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ -

Fundraising	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
Read-A-Thon	\$ 100	\$ 100
Boosterthon Fun Run (tshirts, deposit)	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Boosterthon (1/2 of earnings)	\$ 17,000	\$ 15,000
Spirit Gear	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,500
Total	\$ 24,100	\$ 21,600

Events	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
Fall Festival	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Festival of Lights	\$ 300	\$ 300
Dance	\$ 500	\$ 500
Bridging Breakfast	\$ 200	\$ 200
Total	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500

Teacher/Staff Appreciation	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
Supply Closet	\$ 500	\$ 500
Back to School	\$ -	\$ -
Crock Pot Lunch	\$ 50	\$ 50
Spring Break luncheon	\$ 600	\$ 600
Teacher Appreciation Week	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,150
End of Year Luncheon dessert	\$ -	\$ -
Postcard/ Inspiration	\$ -	\$ 150
Total	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,450

STEAM Enrichment	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
Math Night	\$ -	\$ -
Science Night	\$ 200	\$ 200
Science Week	\$ -	\$ -
STEAM events, materials - tbd	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 200	\$ 200

Communications	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
Website	\$ 175	\$ 175
Total	\$ 175	\$ 175

Campus Beautification	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
Planters	\$ 100	\$ 100
CEMA Marquis update, cover	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 100	\$ 100

Health & Wellness	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
School Garden & Pond	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,000
Healthy Habits Closet/ Nurse Chris	\$ 150	\$ 1,000
GMAS Healthy Snacks	\$ 800	\$ -
Physical Fitness	\$ -	\$ -
Field Day	\$ 150	\$ 150
Printing Supplies	\$ -	\$ -
Wreath Sales	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
Total	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,550

Membership	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
Members meeting refreshments	\$ 300	\$ -
Membership Drive	\$ 100	\$ 100
Membership/Business Forms	\$ 100	\$ 100
Total	\$ 500	\$ 200

Family Engagement	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
Open Houses, Orientation 2020 (Virtual)	\$ 150	\$ 150
Back to School brunch	\$ 200	\$ -
Mid Year social	\$ -	\$ -
End of Year social	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 350	\$ 150

Parent Advisory	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
Advocacy Initiatives & Training	\$ 1,500	\$ 500
Bilingual directional signage	\$ -	\$ -
Printing, Materials	\$ 150	\$ 150
Total	\$ 1,650	\$ 650

Cultural Diversity	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
Parade of Culture	\$ -	\$ -
Culture Fest	\$ 700	\$ 700
Total	\$ 700	\$ 700

Total Expenditures	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
	\$ 62,855	\$ 61,855

Carried over from 2019-2020	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
Carried over from 2019-2020	\$ 27,837	\$ 26,308
Total	\$ 27,837	\$ 26,308

Expected Revenue	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
Membership dues (goal = 200 members)	\$ 1,575	\$ 1,400
Member Donations	\$ 2,000	\$ 500
Bananas tickets	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Spirit Nights	\$ 100	\$ 200
Business Membership/Sponsors	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000
Spirit Gear	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500
Fall Festival	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Read-A-Thon	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,500
Wreath Sales	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Festival of Lights	\$ 300	\$ 300
Boosterthon Fun Run pledges	\$ 17,000	\$ 30,000
Dance	\$ 500	\$ 500
Talent Show	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 36,775	\$ 44,400

Total Spendable Funds for 2020-2021	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
	\$ 64,612	\$ 70,708

Total projected carryover to Incoming Board	2019-2020	2020-2021 PROPOSED
	\$ 2,757	\$ 8,853