



Charles Ellis Montessori Academy
PTA

General Membership Meeting-
April 20, 2021

Call to Order, Inspiration, and Welcome
Old Business: January Minutes Approval (attached)
News from Ms. Tanya
Treasurer's Report
Committee Updates
New Business -Elections
Announcements from School Council and MESS
Announcements
Adjournment



Special Thanks to our
2020-2021

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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

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK – May 3

SAVANNAH BANANA'S GAME – May 28

**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING –
August 2021**

OTHER NOTEWORTHY SPRING DATES

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – May 21

FOR VOTE: 2021-2023 Proposed Officers

Co-Presidents: Kellie Groover & Emily Salzer

Co-Vice Presidents: Yael Elfassy & Amanda Fanelli

Secretary: Dionne McAfee (2nd term)

Treasurer: Melanie Finnegan

Charles Ellis PTA, Membership Meeting
January 26, 2021, Zoom
Call to order 6:32

Melanie welcomed the 56 members

Approval of minutes - Motion -Lori. Second- Allison Johnson. Approved

Ms. Tanya:

Info about iReady went out, ongoing until Feb 5
Results developing learning path for each student
Ms Beth is academic coach, reviewing with teachers
Still doing end of year MAP. Posted on district website. Still doing state test. Transparent Classroom is up in the air, will keep PTA updated. Choice lottery opens Feb 1. Current Pre-K need to apply for next year. Have sent notifications to parents via email, phone, letter. This Thursday will be the virtual open house. Shout out to teachers for putting this together. Dates for in-person Zoom meetings by developmental level. Posted on school website. Information for every grade level. Please attend. Met with the Co-Presidents about parent concerns. 1. General need for direct synchronous instruction ie: 2 hours per day, and 1on1 with each student every week. Increase in synchronous learning on Wednesday. Discussed with staff and will meet on Monday. Regular Zoom meetings with Tanya. Board meeting February 3. Parents encouraged to tune in. Parents please be patient. Reframe perspectives from being buried to being planted. Parents can send input to Tanya by this Thursday for this planning meeting.

Treasurer (Beverly H.) December start 23519 end 15723. Expenses include trees, PTA spent \$2,900 on air purifiers, plus \$1000 in donations

Arts Enrichment (Amanda):

Last fall art kits were distributed in the fall, planning Spring for the Arts with Ms Tiia. Looking for ideas and volunteers.

Bobcats Dads: reading program will begin in the fall

Campus Safety: Every room now has emergency to-go bag Thanks Christy and Nurse Chris

Communications: No Report

Culture Fest (Beverly J): is going to be virtual. February 25 at 6:30. We invite families to submit videos. Can record on FlipGrid.

Health & Wellness (Mary Britton and Sara): planning Shamrock Shuffle in March. Also working on staff appreciation project

Membership (Lori): 152 members

Parent advisory: No Report

Science (Jenn): Virtual middle school competition coming up

Teacher/Staff appreciation (Yvette): Thank you for all your hard work this year! There will be a box lunch available during Montessori week. Need volunteers for Valentines treat bags- contributions and help stuffing.

Teacher Liaison (Lisa): Will be receiving an email tomorrow from the district about direct parent access to ItsLearning. Lisa did an amazing job coordinating info about Boosterthon

Notes:

New trees are planted and new MPR dividers in place

Boosterthon \$12,700 raised! Expect early February distribution of Boosterthon prizes

New Business

Need 5 volunteers for Nominating Committee for 2020-2021 PTA Executive. Please contribute to the joy of this community and serve our children. Lori, Mary Britton, Sara Hartley, Sarah Smith and Yael volunteered.

School council/MESS - Sarah Smith - next meeting in early February, all are welcome

Next General member meeting April 20, 2021

Adjourn 7:18