



PTO Meeting – March 7th, 2023 6:30 pm

Dress down passes given to students for family participation. Hours will be recorded in volunteer book.

Welcome – Megan Naugle

Childcare- Principal, Mrs. Cheryl Turner, is seeking the assistance of another adult to provide childcare during PTO meetings. It would be better to have two adults as opposed to one. In the meanwhile, children can remain in the meeting with special considerations when discussing sensitive issues. Interested registered and background checked volunteers may connect with Mrs. Turner.

Minutes – Tanesha Brown & Gerardo Capote

- Minutes sent home and uploaded to webpage.

Focus: Montessori

Mrs. Cheryl Turner

Montessori classrooms are inclusive and based on the teaching of Maria Montessori who focused on teaching the most challenging of students. The classroom includes:

- 1) The Physical Environment
- 2) The Social Environment- Students are able to navigate social relations with other students by talking out conflicts and building new connections
- 3) The Intellectual Environment- Students are able to make pace themselves and their focus

Five Parts

- 1) Practical - Focus on practical life skills- 5th and 6th grader participate in folding and raising the flag, handwashing, setting out lunch and placement mats, tying shoes etc.
- 2) Sensorial- Using the 5 senses to engage with content- cutting with a scissors, coloring bubbles etc.
- 3) Language- Focus on reading and writing. Lots of flexibility working on tables or on floors. Students repeat work to work on mastery.
- 4) Mathematics- There are 5 different aspects of presenting mathematical concepts.
- 5) Culture- includes everything from history to maps and even science

Peaceful Classroom- talking with students, conscious discipline focus of social and emotional learning. Classrooms have calming corners and there is a Peace Day.

Outdoor Environment- Explored through field trips, eating outside and playing outside. Students need outside fresh air.

Lunch and eating- focuses on using place mats, setting up the food, eating healthy snacks. There is no food shaming, but parents are encouraged to eat healthily with students. We create a positive attitude to foods.

Birthday Celebrations- Birthday student is in the middle and other students circle around them as they do a walk around the sun.

Parent Participation Night- A time for one parent to come and watch what the student is doing and observe the classroom's daily routines. Students become the teachers and parents watch students.

Grace and Courtesy- Students are required to say hello, make eye contact in greeting and clean up area after projects. All these tasks assist with social skills development.

Fitness and movement: Is encouraged through Physical Education

Art and Culture- Art teacher Ms. Romano has been doing a great job in developing students artistically and uses different mediums to allow them to express themselves through art.

To summarize, we are a hybrid school with a focus on Montessori methods. Due to state standards, we have to use textbooks and comply to state standards, testing, and regulations.

Treasurer's Report-Diana Hernandez

Diana sends her apologies as she was unable to make the meeting. Report was reviewed by Meagan Naugle.

- We made \$6820 from the jog-a-thon
- New Balance \$7087.00
- AIM insurance \$375.00
- Intercom for outside \$1200.00
- Box Tops (\$188.00) not received yet
- Smiles AMAZON \$231.70 (this promotion is over)

Vice President's Report –Alicia Savela

- Morning mile will run through April - sign up at <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0e44a8a82da4facf8-morning>
- Morning Mile will end in April. Decision made to cancel it for May.
- Jog-a-thon money being counted – due Monday March 6th so far made \$6820
- DEFY – March 8th (6-8) can also donate to the FALL Fundraiser if not attending- flier attached. All contributions will go to Fall fundraiser
- Looking towards EOY events in April and May – Volunteer Appreciation and Talent show (April 20th), Teacher Appreciation (April 17 to 21) , Health and Wellness (May 22), EOY And Graduation (May 23), VPK Parent Picnic (May 26th)
- Chick-fil- A for Special Olympics (April 21st) sponsor Mrs. Turner- Parents can support by making donations. Last year was very successful and parents can support by making contributions.

Principal's Report – Mrs. Turner

- Parent Survey is out, please complete by END of March go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GPMVFK9>
- Student Survey will be completed at school in April
- B/N evening was great. Profit of about \$350.00 to be used for classrooms next year
- Nominate a Volunteer of the Year for 2023 – send names to Mrs. Turner in office or PTO email. This person should have given 10 hours – not the most- (graciously) is a good role model for the school and a true cheerleader! This person will be recognized at the Appreciation dinner on April 20th
- Science and ART Fair Regionals – 6 students advanced in Science grades 4-6, 7 students recognized for ART, grades K-6 – open house 5:30 with awards 6:30 March 9th – Thursday – Central Middle School. We will know by Thursday if any student will be awarded.

- Re-enrollment – We have invited 4 families to join K after we roll up VPK and accepted siblings – Looking at adding a second grades 3 and 4 classroom as we are growing and students are staying – more to come as we plan. VPK and Preschool are also full for next year and building a wait list.
- Flooring going into building A, Building B in summer
- Teachers returned intents and now we will build classrooms and faculty for both schools
- DRAFT calendar is out for review and planning
- New Registration Policy- Registration will be done electronically. Post Spring Break, students will be given a pin and go online and complete the registration documents. New kindergartener and students enrolling in BPS for the first time will still have paper-based registration.
- Spring Break Monday, March 13-17th, Monday, March 20th is a student holiday, with a teacher work day (lunch provided by K Families), Daycare available for full day CDAY students and those in Before and After care – must be pre-registered.

Teacher's Report – Mrs. Stevens

- Kindergarten- Working on ways to make 10; Building fluency and sight words.
- Grades 3-4- Writing Letters to famous people
- Grades 5-6- Working on ratios and the scientific process
- Grades 1-2- Working on Multiplication, Shapes (Attributes of shapes)

Concerns and questions?

Fall Fundraiser- Mrs. Turner suggested an additional meeting in April to get ideas for the Fall Fundraiser. The announcement for this meeting can be sent in April so they could before the PTO meeting.

Next Meeting: April 11th – Planning for final events of the year and final meeting May 9th – close the school