

**PTA Board Meeting Agenda (Virtual)**  
**Tuesday, May 11, 2021**  
**7:00 pm**

\*Please note: In accordance with MDPTA bylaws (Article VI, section 5), general meetings are now permitted to be held electronically. This information has been confirmed by the Baltimore County Council, Maryland PTA, and National PTA. In addition, general membership will continue to be updated via newsletter, push notifications, social media, etc.

- I. **Attendees:** Sapna Prasad. Kerri Brozene. Alex Castillo, Jennifer dickerson, Melinda Stankowski, Meredith Heyl, Meredith Alvarez, Magan Chyko, Cassie Jackson, Rebecca Franklin, Erin McDougall, plus 6 attendees not on current or next year's board.
  
- II. **School Updates:**
  - a. Student attendance: 395 students have returned to Sparks ES for 4 days per week in-person learning. That is 85% of all Sparks ES students.
  - b. Parent Loop procedure has improved and pace has picked up.
  - c. All kids are now eating in the cafeteria, with tables spread out into the gym. All students are still 6 feet apart. Update: **Students now must only be 3 feet apart in the classrooms.**
  - d. Fall updates: School will be 5 day in-person in the Fall. there will be a virtual learning option that will require a one year commitment by parents. This program will be centralized to BCPS and students will not have Sparks ES teachers. Sparks ES would still be their "home school" and would be able to receive services and attend activities/sports through Sparks ES.
  - e. Summer Learning Hike- BCPS will use this program again this summer for summer learning. All students will keep their laptops over the summer.
  - f. Thanks to PTA for lunch.
  
- III. **Gift Updates-Outdoor Classroom & Air Purifiers:** (Jennifer Dickerson):
  - a. Sparks PTA is purchasing two air purifiers and filters for Sparks ES from donations to the Sparks Reopening Fund. Thank you parents!
  - b. Outdoor Classroom (Fifth Grade Class Gift from 2019-2020): Picnic tables and benches. In the works! Would be great for getting kids outdoors!
  
- IV. **Financial Information (Kerri Brozene & Sapna Prasad):**
  - a. Treasurer: Will attach May budget info.

- b. Financial Secretary: No updates.

**V. Maryland PTA/National/PTA Updates (Jennifer Dickerson):**

- a. We are still under the Baltimore County Council. MDPTA has been dissolved, but has refiled as their own non-profit. We will now be under the renamed Free State PTA. Sparks PTA's EIN will remain the same.
- b. MDPTA is not permitted, legally, to contact persons on their email list.

**VI. Board & Committee Updates**

- a. 1st VP Updates:
  - i. Snowball stand Spirit Night in June
- b. 5th Grade Farewell (Alex Castillo)
  - i. Date: Wed June 16th at 9:00am (Briscuso/DeVita) & 11:00am (Tarleton/Stemler). Rain Date: Thursday June 17th at 9:30am and 1:00 pm. Planning is off and running.
  - ii. T-shirt order to be announced soon.
  - iii. 5th Grade parents, please send candid photos of your students' time at Sparks ES as well as a Baby pick, Kindergarten pic and 5th grade pic of your student to Katie Cox at [sparksclassof2021@gmail.com](mailto:sparksclassof2021@gmail.com).
- c. Hospitality Updates (Kerri Brozene):
  - i. Teacher Appreciation Week- Teachers received donuts and coffee from Graul's on Monday. Friday they had box lunches from Brookside Market.
  - ii. Administrative Professionals received a lunch for their appreciation day.
  - iii. Hospitality has budget left for end of year lunch for teachers/staff.
- d. Corresponding Secretary Updates (Melinda Stankowski): Continue to follow our Fb page for updates!

**VII. Questions/New Business/Miscellaneous**

- a. Sparks Reopening Fund Reporting/Balance (Kerri Brozene): No donations in this past month.
- b. School Toolbox for school supply kits for next year. Kerri to follow up. Will need supply lists from teachers.
- c. Hot Spots and Andrea Gurnsey: Hot Spots is Sparks ES new provider for before and after care.
  - i. The site director will join and attend PTA meetings as they like to be apart of the school community.
  - ii. Hot Spots can partner with the PTA for donations.

- iii. Spots are currently open for this year. Enrollment is now open for next year.
- iv. Hot Spots Summer Camp: located in White Marsh. All outdoors. Adventure Camp includes zip lines, mountain biking, art package available, pool in pm. Sign up now. Transportation available from Sparks Area.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm. Next meeting set for June 8 at 7:00 pm.