



## Parent Teacher Council

### MVAPTC Monthly Meeting 8 December 2022

**Attending:** Jessica Sherman, Steve Brock, Steve Orders, Cassandra Heifetz, Liz Ryan, Andrea Levy, Saleet Jafri, and 20 more attendees.

**Call to Order:** Jessica called the meeting to order at 6:35.

**Meeting minutes:** Jessica moved to approve. Brock seconded. Minutes approved.

Jessica discussed the PTC \$5 gift cards and the Amazon Smile account. She discussed starting a MVA subcommittee meeting on MVA school improvement..

**Tutor Me:** Dr. Daniel Mack presented on Tutor Me Education on all levels and all grades. Over 150 school districts work with the service presently. Tutor Me provides a face-to-face, live option with a resource bank. In place now for a year at MCPS. More students have been accessing the service recently; a slowdown has been seen recently in the placement with a tutor as a result. The program uses state standards and tracks progress. The organization prides itself on engaging educators. A variety of emails to students and parents are employed. Programs for AP and college prep testing are available.

Ms. Rachel Summers discussed options for students. Tutor Me has both 1:1 tutors and ad hoc tutors. Students can find the on-demand platform under Clever.

Dr. Mack concluded the presentation and entertained questions. MCPS has not yet announced about the service for next year, 2023-24. A link to the application for was dropped in. Here is the enrollment link: Referral Form: <https://tutormeeducation.com/mcps-referral-form/>

**Deans' Report:** Dean Heifetz spoke about the lower school. She began by discussing parent-teacher conferences recently. Parents who did not meet with teachers are encouraged to connect now.

Next, Dean Heifetz discussed the upcoming distribution dates for K-5 materials on 25-27 January. As in the past, a sign-up Genius will be used to pace the arrival of parents. If parents cannot come by the MVA, they may have the opportunity to send another in loco parentis to pick up materials. Volunteers are sought to help distribute materials.

Next week, 1:1 tutoring is beginning during the elementary school day with FEV Tutoring.

Dean Heifetz discussed the notice of intent survey with an over 85% response rate, which is very high. Soon the 2023-24 school application will be on Parent Vue. **Important:** If you have already completed the "notice of

intent,” you need not reapply: your enrollment will roll over. But if you did not give your notice of intent, you will need to reapply.

Dean Orders underscored the desire for the school to connect with parents regarding parent-teacher conferences. Parents can connect individually with their teachers or with the school at the main number. Dean Orders spoke about award-winning ice dancers.

Orders discussed the outdoor education experience. Kudos to the teachers who organized as well as the parents who supported. Regarding student support, Dean Orders discussed a teacher workgroup examining student support and advisory, which will in turn contact parents for stake-holder input.

The ILT is reading a text called, “Grading for Equity.” Parents can download the first chapter to the text.

Upper-school staff member Carlos Williams, a social studies teacher, recently passed away. Counselors are supporting students in this loss. Orders shared the information about the funeral service.

**Parent questions:** Jessica asked about the pick-up of materials for those with disabilities. Presently, supplies can be brought to the curb or sent to the home school.

Dean Heifetz went into a room with a parent to discuss her child’s math tile on Synergy. A parent asked about virtual college visits; the email of the MVA resource counselor was shared with her.

**School improvement:** Ms. Holmes asked about the school improvement plan for MVA. Dean Heifetz said the plan was now in draft form but not ready to be shared. She plans to make the goals clear and known in the near future. Though the documents have not been finalized, the work is certainly underway and will be shared with the PTC soon.

**Updates:** Jessica provided some quick updates on the organization concerning events and fund-raising. Jessica discussed the Amazon wish list, t-shirt sales, and jewelry.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Liz Ryan discussed the \$5 gift cards sought for teachers for the holidays. Cards can be dropped off with Jessica or at 15 Gude Road. Liz pushed becoming a member of Amazon Smile.

**NAACP Committee:** No report.

**Special Education Parent Committee:** Andrea Levy noted that there would be no meeting next month. The next meeting 19 January 2023 will focus on student transitions. Anyone with concerns can call to chat with Andrea, [andreallevy@yahoo.com](mailto:andreallevy@yahoo.com).

**Adjournment:** Brock proposed adjournment, Jessica second. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Steve Brock  
Secretary