



## **MVAPTC Monthly Meeting**

**December 14, 2023**

### **Attendees on Zoom:**

- Sylvia Moreno, President
- Cassandra Heifetz, Lower School Dean
- Jackie DeLucia, Acting Upper School Dean
- JiJo Jacob, Treasurer
- Andrea Levy, VP Middle School
- Approximately 29 attendees (including board members)

### **Call to Order; Welcome**

- Sylvia Moreno, President, welcomed attendees and initiated the meeting at 7:10 PM.

### **Upcoming Meeting**

- Discussed the agenda items for the upcoming meetings.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- Approval of the minutes from the MVAPTC November 2023 meeting. Sylvia Moreno made a motion to approve the minutes, Andrea Levey seconded. Meeting minutes approved.

### **Board**

- Introduction of the 2023-2024 Board members:
- President: Sylvia Moreno
- Treasurer: JiJo Jacob
- Secretary: Vacant
- VP for High School (9-12): Tam Castillo
- VP for Middle School (6-8): Andrea Levy
- VP for Elementary School (3-5): Vacant
- VP for Elementary School (1-2): Barbara Galasso

### **Volunteers**

- Call for volunteers for various roles and activities:
- Administrative help
- Board Members
- Social Media maintenance
- Translation & interpreting
- Fundraising & Donations

- Social Activities coordination
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Advocacy
- Spiritwear sales

### **Membership**

- Overview of membership details:
- Family: \$15
- Individual: \$10
- Teachers: \$5
- Pay what you can/comfortable with: \$2
- Emphasis on the importance of membership for voting status and board membership.

### **Treasurer: Budget & Finances**

- JiJo Jacob's detailed report on the 2023-2024 Income and Expenses:
- Starting balance: \$3,498
- Current balance: \$3,981
- Pending expenses: Insurance (\$300), Website hosting fees (\$25)

### **MVAPTC Store**

- Information on available items:
- Hoodies, Sweatshirts, shirts, necklaces & earrings.
- Available for purchase at MVA Office located at 15 West Gude Drive, 2nd Floor, Rockville, MD 20850.

### **Special Education Parent Committee**

- Andrea Levy, Chair, presented the committee's report:
- Purpose: Support, advocacy, and addressing specific needs of the Special Education community.
- Participants: Parents of students in K-12 with IEPs, 504 plans, and other support needs.

### **Mental Health Awareness**

- Presentation by Ms. Fraunhoffer & Ms. Cooper on initiatives related to mental health awareness.

### **MVA Deans' Report**

- Updates from Cassandra Heifetz (Dean, Lower School) and Jackie DeLucia (Acting Dean, Upper School).

### **Questions for the Deans**

- Open floor for questions and discussions with the Deans.

### **Links/Social Media/Contact Information**

- Provided links to:

- Website: [www.MVAPTC.org](http://www.MVAPTC.org) or <https://vaparentcouncil.godaddysites.com>
- Square: <https://mvaptc.square.site/#21>
- Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=montgomery%20virtual%20academy%20parent%20teacher%20council>
- MVAPTC Discussion Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/530674078014807>
- Special Education Parent Committee:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/5366674693369093>
- Contact: [presidentmvaptc@gmail.com](mailto:presidentmvaptc@gmail.com)

**Adjournment:**

- Meeting concluded with an invitation for informal discussions.

Thank you for attending and contributing to the MVAPTC meeting on December 14, 2023.

Completed by: Sylvia Moreno, President