

**Montgomery Virtual Academy Parent Teacher Council (MVAPTC)
Membership Meeting**

Date: February 3, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Approved by motion: March 3, 2022

Chair: Jessica Sherman, President

Secretary: Mattie Sanchez Vargas

Attendance: 22 Attendees

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM by Jessica Sherman, President.

Welcome/Introduction

Item 1. Approval of Minutes

Donald Whitfield motioned for the minutes to be approved, everyone was in favor, Jessica Sherman seconded the motion.

The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Item 2. Update from MVA Administration (Principal, Deans)

Questions from Membership:

- Andrea- Are there teacher allocations for all levels? We have a lot of substitutes. We need to make sure we have enough support.
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- Support- It is Important for teachers to be invited to IP meetings. Teachers are not a part. Program vs school- We are a program not a school which is why all students must be a part of a home school. We send administrators to every IP meeting. Data is gathered and some of the challenge for the IP meetings- There are still gaps. The home school does not realize they were supposed to invite us. The communication is sometimes late. MVA does participate in IP meetings. Procedures for VA students for IP meetings did not come out until October. IP is written as if a student is in person. IP's can go to any place and /or any school. There is no change to the IP when a student is in the MVA. These processes are continuing to improve. All of the data is shared with the home school and others and information is provided. Andrea stated that some people are not in the meetings. There are also trouble with the home schools. Attendance is not clear. The MVA will support and advocate on students behalf. If you do not see a teacher/general educator invited, parents can request a teacher from the virtual academy to be present. Write to the virtual academy with issues with misinformation. Information should be clarified. There is an overwhelming amount of communication and everyone is trying to do their best and is working hard and struggling with massive communications. Questions can be addressed more clearly in another meeting. There may need to be a general support group. When people get the 10 day notice, for the meeting send the notice to your child's teacher to be in the loop for the nature for the meeting or whomever you would like to attend. Contact Donald or Andrea. Reach out. They are here to help.
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Item 3. Reports from the Officers

- a. President's Report
 - Nonprofit organization filing status report
 - The paperwork is not back yet and it was corrected. We will continue moving on with the process. If there is anyone with experience please let us know.
- b. Treasurer's Report - Liz Ryan gave this report. We may ask for a partial year for the insurance. Sandy Spring Bank will be used. It is recommended for small businesses. It has no fees. Paypal and Venmo will be

set up later. Square can be used now. With Square, Money will be held or they will send a check. Square and Go Fund Me work.

c. Budget and Fundraising

There is \$680 in the Go Fund Me. This amount is enough to pay for the status but not the insurance yet. Restaurant night- We are trying to figure out what to do for February: Wendy's, Krispy Kreme and T-shirts. Please send an E-mail and if you want the shirts mailed it and they can be customized. If cost is an issue contact Jessica.

Item 4. Committee/Special Topic Reports

- **Special Needs Report** - We need to get together with the community for their input. Invite anyone from K-12 and special interventions are needed please contact the committee especially with questions. We would like speakers as well. Contact Andrea Levy.
- **NAACP Parent Council Advocacy for the children/Board Testimony about Technology** - Funding for some additional equipment.

Item 5. New Business

- **Membership** - Membership is free. We may have to have dues but if we fund raise enough it will be free. We must have insurance.
- **Volunteers** - We need people to host events and organize. We also need committees to assist.
- **Insurance** - Insurance is needed to have get togethers
- **Other Items** - We are in need of sponsors. We also are trying to decide if we would like to have a family directory. We would like to see how we will be getting more engaged.
- **Teacher/Staff Appreciation - Technological items for teachers:** Suggestions for students to make signs for Teachers. Andrea Levy wants to present a small bouquet to the teachers. She is asking that each student fill out a Google Doc form for a teacher. This form will contain messages for the teachers. The bouquets are \$5 for each bouquet along with a \$2 donation for the Council. The cost is \$1,000 for every teacher and staff member along with the messages. We will make plans for how these will be delivered later.

Item 6. Announcements

- There are resources for Black History Month and virtual resources. There are affordable communications programs such as internet for free up to \$30 a month; a laptop is also included with this program.
- Volunteer program SSL hours- We are fully approved. Read a thon for March. There is a charge though.
- **Questions and Closing Comments** - There will be events throughout the month. Students created presentations for the newsletter. Families provided input for a technology focus group conversation and survey.
- Next Membership meeting: March 3, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:48p.m.and passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes completed by Mattie Sanchez Vargas