

**Mabry Elementary - General Membership Meeting
Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2016**

A General Membership Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, commencing at 6:04 PM at Mabry Elementary School, Cafeteria Room, in Tampa, Florida. The following PTA Officers and Board Members were present:

Principal	Sherri Frick
President	Melissa MacKinnon
2nd VP Volunteers & Membership	Brandi Whitney
Treasurer	Christine Miller
Corresponding Secretary	Nikki Armstrong
Recording Secretary	Melissa Carlson
Dolphin Depot	Aned Baerga-Richter
Hospitality	Courtney Gilner
After School Enrichment	Beata Browne, Tanya Owens
Awards & Recognition	Lisl Unterholzner
Student Activities	Arianne Corbett
Curriculum Enhancement	Heather DePalma

I. Welcome / Call to Order

- A. The President welcomed attendees, and thanked the Relay for Life team for selling baked goods.

II. Flag Ceremony

- A. The Flag Ceremony was conducted by Mabry Cub Scout Pack 53, Webelos Patrol.

III. Items for Approval

- A. The Minutes for the General Membership Meetings are posted on the Mabry PTA Website. The August 25, 2016 GMM Minutes were approved as written.

IV. Mabry Business Partner

- A. The President thanked Mabry Business Partner, Goodnight Orthodontics for their support of our school. Goodnight is a repeat business partner for our school. They also did a candy buy back where Mabry Students received \$1 per pound of Halloween candy donated. Goodnight sends the donated candy to our troops overseas.

V. President's Report

- A. The President reported we have \$72K in surplus funding from last year. Last year we voted and approved to utilize our surplus funds on pavilion and outdoor space improvements, security cameras for the back of school and established a Mini Teacher Grant program to fund \$24,000 to teacher proposals. The first phase of the pavilion project includes improved safety of the space, noise reduction, more shaded areas and seating.

- B. Parent volunteer, Danni Gallagher, created the new design for the pavilion. A living wall will create a division between the playground and the pavilion. The living wall will have woolly pocket planters creating a vertical garden. The design includes two paver walkways to connect the pavilion with the playground. There will be benches throughout this space. Creeping vines will grow on walls to help with noise reduction. Mulched areas will be replaced with low-maintenance artificial turf. Trees will be planted along the fence between Mabry and Coleman to provide additional shade. Landscape Fusion is starting the project over Thanksgiving break. This phase focuses on seating, shade and noise reduction. The next phase of this improvement plan will focus on lighting and electrical outlets in the space. Security cameras will be installed to improve security.
- C. The President announced that to date \$4,000 in Mini Grants have been awarded to teachers. Teachers have purchased flexible seating and sensory integration objects with this funding.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Treasurer's Report: Christine Miller, reported that the Walkathon has brought in \$60K so far. We had budgeted \$40K and made \$60K. This is how we end up with a surplus at the end of the year. Spirit store has brought in \$15K to date.
- B. Programs & Services: The President stated that ASE Registration is the week of Jan.9. Registration times will be staggered by possibly an hour to see if that streamlines the process. ASE class offerings and dates will be sent home with students in December. This session will include some classes on Fridays. An example of one of the Friday class offerings is running club. ASE sessions run for 12 weeks. There are some new classes offered this time.
- C. Fall dinner and Art show: Chelle Stringer reported on the Fall Dinner and Art Show to be held on December 8, 2016. The art show is open from 5-8 p.m. in the cafeteria. Food trucks will be available from 5:30-7:00 p.m. This year the food trucks and dining tables will be set up in the gated faculty parking west of the cafeteria. Dolphin Depot will also be open for spirit wear purchases. Chelle said she needs parents to volunteer to help with the art show. To volunteer for this event, go to the Mabrypta.org website. She stated that parents who are not able to make it to this event will be able to purchase student art the next day. Instructions can be found on the Mabry PTA website.
- D. The President reminded attendees to refer to the Mabrypta.org Website as their main resource for school communications including the Mabry Minute, school calendar and volunteer opportunities. The volunteer page has been updated, and it highlights different volunteer opportunities where people can sign up. In addition, the school calendar is housed on this site and now you can sync the calendar to your smart phone.
- E. The President announced the next no Uniform Day is December 1 for students who were awarded this for their walkathon fundraising.
- F. The President reminded attendees that Kellie Haber is our volunteer coordinator. Should you need volunteers for your event, or have questions about volunteering, Kellie is your contact person.
- G. Ways & Means: The President presented Walkathon for Cristina Blunt and Nelson Bosque who were absent. She stated that Walkathon is another example of how great our

Mabry community is. The event was a huge success both with participation and fundraising.

- H. The President stated that paver forms went home in folders last week. You can honor your 5th grade child who is leaving, or honor a teacher or our principal with a paver.
- I. Auction: Nikki Armstrong and Chelle Stringer gave an Auction update. “Rock of Ages” will be held on Feb. 25th at Christ the King. There is a donations meeting tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. at Kahwa. They asked parents to please help with donations. In addition auction needs a donations coordinator to help inventory and organize all the collected donations. Parents were encouraged to solicit donations from stores they frequent. Other donations needed are experiences such as trips, summer camps and sports events. Donation forms can be found at Mabrypta.org

VII. Administrative Report

- A. Principal, Sherri Frick, reported on Mabry’s statewide performance and ranking. In ELA, Mabry ranked 116 out of 3,263 schools or 50th out of 1,829 elementary schools. In Math we ranked 145 out of 3,265 schools in Florida or 82nd out of all elementary schools. In Science we ranked 45th out of all 3,173 schools in Florida or 12th out of 1,763 elementary schools. Mrs. Frick thanked parents for their support, and stated our school’s successful performance is to a large extent a result of parent involvement.

VIII. New Business

- A. There was no new business.

IX. Adjourn

The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 6:35P.M. Mabry’s rock band followed the meeting with a performance.

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Melissa Carlson, Recording Secretary

Approved As:

Date: _____

Read: _____

Corrected: _____