

# March 2020 Meeting Minutes

## President's Report

Elections: two-year treasurer position open starting in fall 2020. Nicole Nguyen is nominated for a second term. Other nominations are accepted by emailing [relaypta@gmail.com](mailto:relaypta@gmail.com). Elections will be held during the May meeting.

## Treasurer's Report

Spent more on clubs (mostly dance and DI) 813

Department funds - \$46 nurse purchases

Expenses:

Teacher reimbursements were submitted but we have not reached the half of the budgeted amount. Reminder email to teachers resulted in an increase in reimbursement requests.

Teachers, educators, please submit reimbursement requests.

## Events and Planning

Basket bingo – April 18, 2020 at Our Lady of Victory, will solicit donations in about two weeks, electronic ticket sales and 1-2 days in the school lobby, Ms. Howell was nominated to be the bingo caller. **March 19** - next working meeting @ 6:30 OCA Mocha

Restaurant Fundraiser Nights - Chipotle date coming

Fun run fundraiser - May 16 @ 10 am, website for fundraising for fun run will go live the last week of April, no pets

Teacher appreciation week - Guinness outing planned on Monday, May 4 - please save the date. Planning meeting upcoming. Volunteers requested for teacher appreciation week: please email [relaypta@gmail.com](mailto:relaypta@gmail.com)

Spring book fair – March 16-20. volunteer by signing up at <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e0f4bacab2ca1fe3-spring>

## Administration Update

MAP assessment testing ended Feb 28, some of the highest scores that Mr. B has seen in the three years that he has been with Relay

Shrek the drama performance March 27 and 28, selling tickets in the next couple weeks

Spring picture day 26 - look for picture forms from the photographer in kids' take-home folder

STREAM Night - April 16 @ 6-8, some activities are with consumables, K-5, robots, drones, non-electronic coding activities, science activities, in all areas of the building

Fifth graders - Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) testing March 23-24

NCAP - following week (March 30 Monday and Tuesday, makeup testing on Wednesday)

Flu, COVID-19 and other communicable diseases - Mr. West is an outstanding school nurse and is in communication with Health Services daily. The school is planning for these diseases: refreshing hand washing and hygiene practices - one of the biggest prevention models that they're doing. Ms. Woody and her supervisors about cleanliness and disinfecting the building -- the school is at an heightened awareness, working with the facilities team to get an additional team to disinfect the school at a higher level. Mr. West is holding hand washing teaching

sessions with videos for classrooms. There are protocols for students who visit out of the country traveling to countries with COVID-19 outbreaks -- once we have someone who has had this type of travel. We cannot exclude students who have traveled to countries with COVID-19 outbreaks.

Students and social media - Keeping kids Internet safe is a team effort between home and school. Administration is interested in holding a community event to talk to children and families about internet safety and what it means to be connected.

Kindergarten roundup - May 11

Pre-K roundup - May 12

--> Jossie to do a PTA membership letter and send to Mr. Barnett

Heart Adventure Course - starts March 9, comes to Relay for about a month, learning all about the heart and how it travels in the body, on loan with Baltimore County, equipment will be disinfected.

## Teacher Update

Teachers who are Relay PTA members have the membership benefit of reimbursements up to:

\$200 - classroom teachers

\$250 - special teachers

Counselor/nurse have different reimbursement amounts

Please complete the reimbursement form to take advantage of this PTA Membership benefit.

Ms. Campbell and Ms. Kipp - thank you Relay PTA for helping with the holiday drive. There is an increasing number of families soliciting help - this year 18 families were supported during the holiday season. Basic needs are addressed first and then select wish list items.

Estimated \$4855.61 donations for the Leukemia Society, dedicated to a fellow teacher who battled leukemia. We have such an amazing community to give us such great donations.

The guidance team has been successful in dividing and conquering social and emotional needs of students. They have seen how loved they are, how they are safe in school -- all thanks to the additional guidance support with hiring Ms. Brittany Kipp.

Character Education and Virtues Program - Inch and Miles, book used in the program  
Coach John Wooden of having good character - NAACP coach basing character on values, not winning, school wide character education program pre k through G5, Talk about the character traits of the month, how they are acted out in school and home settings, kids have had buy-in immediately that is growing, Reinforcement and student recognition by classroom and special area teachers, All relay staff will speak the virtues with students and one another, Future goal: become a National School of Character, kids hear the story each month, meet the character, internal monitors in the building have blurbs about that month's character

Cooper's Character Club of the Month: this project is merit-based, the students have earned it - not given to all, 61 kids come to the cafeteria for an hour the first Wednesday of the month, blue tye dye Cooper's Character Club bracelet, Cooper makes an appearance and the kids participate in a special engaging activity

Quarterly school wide assemblies: every student attends, not merit-based like Cooper Character Club

- Q1: pep rally to create excitement, each grade wears pod colors and has a cheer
- Q2: character education assembly (PTA sponsored)
- Q3 assembly UMBC women's soccer team, students to wear black or gold, Cooper to score a goal on the UMBC soccer team
- Q4 faculty talent show

--> Can the RPTA consider adding a budget line for the character education program? - We will be adding a line item in the budget for Cooper's character club. Ms. Campbell and Ms. Kipp will provide proposed amount for Relay PTA to consider

Mindfulness Night - April 1 @ 6:30-8 all Relay families are invited to attend, Relay is one of the first schools to host a mindfulness night, event features stations, music, art, families practicing being with one another and being mindful, feelings bingo, water bottles to take, mindful snack, prize baskets, water marbles for the calming bottles

- Please send empty cleaned out water bottles
- Please consider volunteering for zumba, yoga, or other physical activity

--> Can the RPTA consider adding a budget line for baskets or other needs for the mindfulness night? Relay PTA will provide funding for Mindfulness Night (amount TBD) from special projects budget

## Fifth Grade Committee Update

Gift cards for the gift card tree are underway and will be completed in time for the basket bingo. Concessions for STREAM Night, drama, and mindfulness night (Emily Mullinix to send electronic version of the bingo letter). Fifth grade parents, please sign up to volunteer.

Bingo concessions - Ledos, signup genius coming, 300 people expected

Fifth grade field trip - Bio Blitz March 20 and May 19 tentative for DC

May 20 - two hour orientation/visit to Arbutus Middle School with Ms. Campbell

## New Business

COVID-2019 - see administration update

Kona Ice fundraising - franchised snowball stand on wheels that is new to the area. Happy to give back to the community up to 20 percent back, can do spring dances, field days, spring fling, Tim Troutman and Wendy Spalding, 443-613-9010, ttroutman@kona-ice.com

## Upcoming Dates

Working Meeting: **March 19** (note the change in date from the usual third Wednesday of the month due to scheduling conflict)