

Benjamin E. Mays IB World School

**PTA General (Virtual) Meeting: May 18, 2021, 6:00-7:00pm**

Local Unit National ID Number: 02690007

**The purpose of the Benjamin E Mays PTA is to provide a forum where parents, teachers, administrators, and community members can come together to discuss ways to promote quality education, encourage community involvement, and work for a healthy school environment.**

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**Mission: Mays PTA is committed to representing and serving the members of our multicultural community, welcoming and helping parents, teachers and administrators give our very best for all of our students. Together we are a powerful voice for children.**

Meeting Platform: Meet

PTA Meeting

Tuesday, May 18 · 6:00 – 7:00pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/fbe-bprk-uch>

Or dial: (US) +1 318-565-6374 PIN: 903 130 698#

Erica Valliant, presenter

Karen Shanahan, technology host

#### **Agenda:**

- **Community Check In or Game or Icebreaker**
- **Update on 5th Grade Celebration/Transition to Middle School**
- **Update/invite to help with End of Year Celebration (Ideas, Parent involvement)**
- **PTA Recruitment for next school year**
- **Thank you/Parents recognition for helping children endure during this time**
- **Links to summer programming**
- **Can TikTok challenge be extended as a end of year challenge (with/without drawing)**

Present: (\*PTA Members) \*Erica Valliant, \*Waubun Smith, \*Ti-Esha Williams-Vaughn, Alex Swenson, Jodi Swenson, Mihret Eyassu, \*Karen Shanahan

Two Truths and a Lie Icebreaker

#### [Treasurer's Report](#)

5th Grade Celebration Discussion:

- Virtual event
  - Photos of students and where they will be going
  - Videos from parents

- Slideshow of the past year including student work
- Student reflections on their time at Mays
- Add Jodi and Erica to the email/team
- Class t-shirts sponsored by PTA
  - Quality product
  - Student names
- Parade?
  - Logistics need further discussion with 5th grade/school team
- Give away bag
- Representation in the building of the 5th grade class
  - Name rooms in honor
  - Banner
  - Museum-like record of the pandemic
  - Time capsule

#### ACTION

MOTION: (Karen Shanahan) I propose that we allot up to \$1000 for the t-shirt production.

SECOND: Ti-Esha Williams-Vaughn

VOTE: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining

#### Middle School Transition Discussion:

- School Counselor, Kristen Berkas ([kristen.berkas@spps.org](mailto:kristen.berkas@spps.org))
  - May-June
  - One-on-one meetings with 5th grade students
    - Increased responsibility
    - Independence and peer pressure
    - Understanding a schedule
    - Combination locks
    - Activities & sports
  - <https://youtu.be/h4gkJtu9NgE>
- Virtual online tours at Middle Schools

#### End of Year Celebrations Discussion:

These ideas will be shared with PBIS Team and school leadership

- PTA hotdog roller and popcorn machine available for in person classes to use
- Decorate a party room and invite kids in person to come in
- Send a balloon and party bag to VLS
- Banner signed by everyone
- Time capsule with something that would represent each class
- Museum representation of the 5th grade class/COVID learning

#### PTA Recruitment for 2021-2022

- Increase number of PTA Officer or Executive Meetings to allow for additional planning
- In person parent recruitment
- Virtual component to Meet and Greet, a breakout room for PTA
- PTA involvement t-shirts
  - Wear at events to promote questions and PTA awareness
- Cards with QR codes that provide PTA information

- PTA Facebook Page and social media presence
- Get kids to make phone calls inviting families to join PTA
- Define PTA our relationship with the school and administration
- Define what our PTA means/does at our school
- Exit interview for people who come to first PTA meetings but don't return
- How do we become a global PTA (IB PTA)
- How do we make sure that parents who speak languages other than English can participate
- National PTA Convention June 17-26  
[https://www.pta.org/home/events/National-PTA-Convention-Expo?utm\\_source=Informz&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=PTA](https://www.pta.org/home/events/National-PTA-Convention-Expo?utm_source=Informz&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=PTA)

#### Summer Programs

- **SPPS Summer Learning Program** including Freedom School  
<https://www.spps.org/summer>
- **Cahoots** summer correspondence program through Community Education  
<https://www.spps.org/cahoots>
- **Saint Paul Public Library Summer Spark**  
<https://sppl.org/summer-spark/>
- **Saint Paul Parks & Recreation**  
<https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation-centers/parks-recreation-programs>
- **Sprockets**  
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNSTPSPROC/bulletins/2d7d241>

#### Family TikTok Challenge Extended

- Submit *your family* video by ~~Friday, May 7~~ Friday, June 4 for a chance to be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Visa gift card (sponsored by Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood)

#### Staff TikTok Challenge

<https://forms.gle/YkyetGZSAbrLF5Dt7>