

Mount Vernon Exploratory PTO Executive Committee  
January 9, 2025  
Meeting at MVES

Officers Present: Ashley Hollifield, President; Christy Malcom, Treasurer; Elizabeth Latta, Past President; Jennifer Mullis, Secretary; Jennifer Westbrook, Principal; Chase Armour, Assistant Principal; Jessica Smith, Teacher Representative

- I. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER: The President, Ashley Hollifield, called the meeting to order.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from November approved by E. Latta, C. Malcom second.
- III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
  - A. Enrollment update - 645 students
    - i. K-3rd - average class size 22 (19-24)
    - ii. 4th-5th - average class size 26 (25-28)
  - B. Winter Literacy Day
    - i. Positive feedback was received from staff.
  - C. January 6 Professional Learning Day
    - i. District and school-level professional learning for literacy, technology for paraprofessionals, and behavior strategies for connections
  - D. CCRPI - state data report discussed
    - i. [https://ccrpi.gadoe.org/Reports/Views/Shared/\\_Layout.html](https://ccrpi.gadoe.org/Reports/Views/Shared/_Layout.html) (Select Elementary Report Type)
    - ii. Data is based on EOG milestones, attendance, some data from fine arts (connections), etc.
  - E. MAP Growth mid year progress
    - i. MAP Marvels for meeting growth goals were acknowledged this morning in announcements.
    - ii. Reading Achievement - 61% the same as winter last year
    - iii. Math Achievement - up from 64 to 66% compared to winter last year
  - F. MAP Reading Fluency mid year testing for K-3 will take place next week
  - G. Upcoming Dates
    - i. 1/9 - Report Cards and MAP Growth reports sent home
    - ii. 1/10 - Families
    - iii. 1/13-16 - MAP Fluency (K-3)
    - iv. 1/20 - MLK Holiday - no school
    - v. 2/13 - K/3rd Grade Museum Night
    - vi. 2/14-18 - Winter break - no school
  - H. Future Dates
    - i. 4/24 - Art Show and 4th and 5th Grade Talent Show
    - ii. 5/16 - 5th grade field trip to Frances Meadows
  - I. Safety Update - Centegix should be operational within the next month.
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT
  - A. No new budget updates

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Middle School Preparation

- i. With the Middle school doing away with the E2 Program, does that change anything for our 5th graders? What specific things are we doing or should we be doing to prepare 5th graders for middle school?
  - a) A. Hollifield asked about changing classes for different subjects - Per J. Westbrook - with the new curriculum the minutes do not align to allow for changing teachers and most schools in the district are not changing. The teachers are having success with the traditional elementary approach.
  - b) E. Latta asked about doing a workshop to practice the logistics of changing classes for 5th graders. J. Smith and J. Westbrook will talk to 5th grade leadership about this to help 5th graders prepare to change classes in middle school.

B. Winter Literacy Day

- i. The day went well. We are wondering if next year's literacy day may be better received in January due to kids having a lot of excited energy about the upcoming break and many children being out with sickness just prior to Christmas. This was discussed and we may leave the day in its current timeframe and move the author visits to other times of the year so that kids can have gross motor activities (i.e. snowball tag) in the gym. Next year's board will review this feedback.
- ii. PTO would love to see author visits on different days throughout the year. PTO discussed possible authors for J. Westbrook and J. Smith to discuss with Mrs. Ruis. PTO is happy to support and be a part of these as needed.

C. Benchmark: Is this curriculum making a positive difference? Is there any data from testing on how are kids are doing compared to past years?

- i. See Principal's Report on MAP testing data from December

D. Upcoming PTO Events

- i. 2/24-28 One and Done Fundraiser
  - a) Will run logistically the same as it did last year even though the dates shifted by a month.
- ii. 3/7 Movie Night

VI. ADJOURN

Submitted by Jennifer Mullis, Secretary