

ATTENDEES:

- Samethur Blake
- Felicia Goodwine-Vaughters
- Karlene Joseph
- Beverly Kissane
- Lalani Perry
- Margo Popowycz
- Shaya Searight
- Laura Steward
- Delicia Williams

MINUTES

- NEW PTO LEADERSHIP
 - We thank our present PTO President, **Debra Gordon** for her passion, energy and leadership of the Capital Preparatory Magnet School Parent Teacher Organization to date. A personal matter requires that she relinquish her duties immediately. Thanks to our present Vice Presidents of Lower and Upper School for accepting this opportunity to co-preside over the organization for the remainder of the 2013/2014 school year. The PTO Board unanimously voted 'Yes' on the motion to install **Felicia Goodwine-Vaughters** and **Samethur Neptune Blake** as the Co-Presidents of the Capital Prep Magnet School Parent Teacher Organization effective Thursday February 20, 2014.
- UPCOMING EVENTS - Please support

Start	End	Event
19-Mar	2-Apr	Butter Braid Fundraiser - Return order forms to advisor or main office, PTO mailbox
26-Mar	26-Mar	Anti-Bullying Workshop
31-Mar	4-Apr	Nacho Ordinary Book Fair
25-Apr	25-Apr	All-School Midnight Basketball
26-Apr	26-Apr	Lower School Dance
5-May	9-May	Teacher Appreciation Week
6-May	6-May	C-Prep Scholarship Reception
16-May	16-May	Lower School Just Dance Concert

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- OPEN DISCUSSION
 - Anti-Bully Workshop - March 26
 - Calling all parents to attend - RSVP to Ms. Vaughters will be leading the younger students through a series of hands-on activities themed "Kindness can be a chain reaction"
 - Seniors, Mr. Cifuentes will lead parents through interactive workshops about what we can do
 - The PTO expects that Mr. Cifuentes will purchase the refreshments for the event and present receipts up to \$150 to the PTO (approved grant)
 - The event underscored [C-Prep's CORE Program](#) (Kissane)
 - Capital Preparatory Magnet School aspires to create a Culture Of Respect and Empathy within all aspects of the school community. CORE values are incorporated in our daily life at CPREP –from Pre-K 3 to Grade 12. Our beliefs and expectations support a positive school climate because we use positive reinforcement to help students reach their fullest potential.
 - Butter Braid Fundraiser
 - The PTO suggests that the flyers be delivered to each classroom or to the bullpen/with an announcement. Ms. Kissane can provide a plastic stand - she suggests brightly colored paper with 'TAKE 25 - PASS THEM TO THE KIDS - RETURN FORMS/PAYMENT TO PTO MAILBOX'
 - The PTO also suggests a Robo call - Ms. Sanchez to provide the script to Ms. Blake and Vaughters
 - Book Fair
 - (Ms. Ellingwood) is so excited about the book fair! Ms. Gambino and I have been working to get volunteers and market this. We would love to get chips and salsa for extra yummy incentive...maybe even have a salsa taste test night.
 - We were also thinking about having an extra raffle to win swings towards a piñata. Just fun stuff!
 - C-Prep Science Program (Kissane)
 - Investigation continues on finding meaningful, relevant literary/science materials
 - Scholarship Reception (Perry)
 - Dionne Sanders will be the keynote speaker. There will be a silent auction. Mr. Hawkins will provide piano music. Students will perform musical selections. Seniors will provide anecdotes about their senior justice projects. Past scholarship recipients will provide views about their college and post-college experiences; how the scholarship helped.
 - The reception provides 4 year renewable gap scholarships to two (2) graduating seniors. Students apply and must show financial need.
 - The scholarship committee is seeking assistance from the PTO for:

- TBD Role - perhaps present the PTO scholarship recipients with their dollars
- Marketing - getting participants to the event
- Volunteers - help at the event - Amoy Brock is the volunteer coordinator; contact for more info
- Donations - a link will be provided
- Grant - to assist with refreshments; committee to complete grant request
- Lower School Concert - May 16th
 - PTO to request volunteers for snack table
 - Concert will be held outside
- Midnight Basketball - April 25th
 - Similar format to Fall event
 - Teachers/Parents versus Students
 - Perhaps showcase Varsity/JV teams
- PTO Mailbox
 - Ms. Williams to provide a lock
- PTO Finances
 - No activity between Feb 20 and Mar 20
- Adjourn - Ms. Blake - 6:53 PM