

Maryville Junior High PAC

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Opening: The regular meeting began at 11:40 am on Tuesday, 2-17-26, with Dustin Park leading.

Present: Dustin Park, Stephanie Hale, Rommina Dobrovolny, Alana Myers, Emily Webb, Afton Ketron, Beth Stephens, Sarah Hardin

Financial Report: Beth reviewed the financial report. Some money can be moved from grants into teacher appreciation, as Alana shared some decorations were used twice and freed up some money. Dustin moved to approve the financial report. Alana seconded, all approved.

Minutes: Dustin moved to approve the January minutes. Stephanie seconded, all approved.

President Report: Dustin led the discussion on grants. The grant request for pigs for dissection could possibly go to the Foundation. He will ask the Foundation about this, then Beth will see how much money we have available to put toward this. Email discussion to follow. Dustin made a motion to approve the grant for microscope repair. Emily seconded, all approved. Dustin made a motion to approve the grant for music stands. Alana seconded, all approved.

2026-2027 Board: Suggestions were made as to who may be interested in taking the role of treasurer (Elizabeth Bishop). Career Fair needs a rising 9th grade parent. Emily Webb agreed if no one else expresses interest.

Teacher Appreciation: Afton- lunch coming up in May.

Administrative Report: Administration in attendance: Combs, Kizer, Strom, Cox, Nizinski, Mullen

Mr. Combs said the Spotlights Inservice yesterday was very encouraging. Plans are being made for moving forward with the new grade level configurations to balance high academic standards with making all students feel welcomed, loved, and part of a greater whole. The discussion will always be what is best for our students. The parent surveys were beneficial. There was discussion about what makes a child's experience is the teacher and the various things teachers offer or do (homework, extra credit, etc). When asked by Emily if there is any support needed for this upcoming last year with 9th grade students, Mr. Combs said he would like to get more kids to ballgames. That is easy to do for the 8th grade students, but would like to see more of that for 9th graders.

Angie Kizer shared about the Starlight silent auction that begins at noon on February 27. The Foundation will match monies raised at each school up to \$5,000.

Mrs. Strom shared about a group of about 50 students who got to play laser tag in the gym against each other and then teachers. These students were those who showed growth on their benchmarks. The first quarter was highest achieving, 2nd quarter- most growth, 3rd- most merits (a lunch trip to Mr. Gatti's), 4th quarter- Dean's List all 4 quarters (Dollywood).

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm. The next meeting is March 24, 2026, at 11:30.

Minutes recorded by Stephanie Hale