

PMES PTA
General Membership Meeting
Minutes
11/11/2015 - 7:00 PM - PMES



Attendance: Gail Dunlap, Marcia Fithian, Danielle Spigler, Fran Downes, Loren Rainwater, Morgan Polan, Nicole Moaddel, Beth Pelletier, Leigh Horan, Chris Jensen, Elisabeth Airey, Erin McCadden, Leigh Horan, Jen Hopkins, Chrissy Sandifer, Lynne & Tom McMennamin, Renee Mann, Tracy Morrill, Katelyn Mitchell, Michele Davis, Lucille & Jerry Brennan, Inna Tinsley, Peter Carpenter, Nicole Perrella, Larry Jehnert, Rachel Gauthier, Katie Chalpin

- Call to order 7:05
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Introductions
 - Established quorum
 - Minutes from September 16, 2015 approved

- Treasurer's Report - Fran Downes
 - Income:
 - Chick Fil A Fundraiser \$278.16
 - Membership \$934.02
 - LAPS will increase when matching donations come in

 - Expenses
 - Field Trips
 - Assemblies
 - Filed for Audit

- President's Report - Danielle Spigler
 - SIT Meeting
 - Had the opportunity to attend School Improvement Team meeting
 - Teachers and staff implementing the Lucy Calkins method
 - Large class sizes in 4th grade are in the SIP
 - Addressing issues with HCPS

 - Wellness
 - Incorporating "Brain Breaks" as part of wellness program
 - Sneakers on the playground for safety
 - Type of shoes worn in PE class-tie or Velcro
 - Students with shoes that do not tie or Velcro will not be allowed to play on the playground
 - Can bring shoes to school to quickly change into for outside play

 - Meeting with Superintendent at public input session
 - Basically a one-on-one meeting, only parent there
 - Discussed high class numbers in fourth grade
 - Encourages attendance at these meetings - even if just to show up and listen
 - Can't be the same people all the time
 - Emails can be sent via the input tool on the HCPS website, so you can contact the right people
 - Question on the reason for budget meetings now
 - Rachel Gauthier addressed
 - Timeline to present to the BOE
 - Working on it for December
 - Emails should go now to Superintendent Canavan

- Send emails to BOE members and Canavan so everyone knows the content/issue
 - Public input meetings
 - January meetings are very important to attend
 - Our school and others schools need to be involved
 - Dates and Meetings
 - Danielle will send out dates for meetings
 - We can go as a groups
 - First agenda has a listing of BOE meetings on the back
 - You can attend and/or speak, 3 minutes and you can leave
- Vice President Report – Morgan Polan
 - Membership
 - 357 members
 - Directories and cards have been distributed
 - You can still sign up
- Secretary’s Report – Loren Rainwater
 - Chick Fil A Calendars
 - Sold 475 calendars
 - 10 remaining as of November Meeting
 - \$1537.81 raised
- Principal’s Report – Gail Dunlap
 - American Education Celebration next week
 - Ms. Fithian indicated that there should be no siblings
 - Register guests and bring photo id
 - Edline
 - Upload first posting on Nov 16
 - All upload and posting dates are on the PMES Edline site www.prospectmill.org
 - Hearing Screening
 - PreK and K, 1st through 4th Grade
 - Need volunteers on November
 - PARCC
 - Scores are embargoed now and will be uplifted on December 8
 - Website
 - Use the school website www.prospectmill.org for a lot of information
 - The mobile version is outdated
 - Use the desktop version or click full version on mobile device
- Teacher Reports
 - Activity in classroom
 - 5 activity bursts 30 seconds to a minute
 - Extra recess once a week (coming from HCPS)
 - Wellness Champions program is coming with \$800 in grant money to use
 - Noted that the community is different here, impressed with participation from PTA
- Committee Reports
 - Hospitality – Morgan Polan & Leigh Horan
 - American Education Celebration
 - Sign Up Genius for donations
 - Need volunteers Friday to Wednesday
 - Reflections –Lucille Brennan
 - Collection on Thursday, November 18
 - Forms on PTA website

- If the item needs to be specially transported, drop off early
 - Holiday Shoppe - Morgan Polan & Chrissy Sandifer
 - Preview Day December 1
 - Purchase Days December 2 day and evening & December 4 day
 - Thinking of lower grades one day and higher on the other
 - Parent night Wednesday, Dec 2 in the evening
 - Volunteers
 - Need volunteers on Wed and Fri
 - Hoping for student volunteers on parent night
 - Box Tops
 - \$110 in box tops
 - Checks usually \$1,600
 - Next Deadline is February 19
 - Baggies for collection will be sent home
 - Mr. Leizear and Mr. Baker Classes won contest for playground equipment
- Question
 - A question regarding the Carson Scholars
 - Based on the previous year GPA-3.75 or higher?
 - Response
 - For 4th and 5th grades, each school nominates one student each year
 - G&T committee scored essays and applications, volunteering
 - Blind scoring
 - Submit to the principal and on to the Carson Organization
 - \$1,000 grant
- Special Presentation-Gifted and Talented Education ***Powerpoint posted on PTA website.*
 - Dr. Peter Carpenter and Mrs. Tara Recor
 - Handbook distributed
 - Misconceptions
 - Realities
 - Asynchronous Development
 - Bright Child VS Gifted Learner
 - Dabrowski's Overexcitabilities
 - Slocumb Payne Scales
 - Assessments for G&T Identification
 - Levels of Service at PMES
 - Curricular Samples
 - Parent Resources in Handbook
 - Gifted Childrens Bill of Rights on NAGC website
 - Transition to middle school explained
 - Dr. Carpenter explained the grouping at middle school
 - Transition to high school-look at options
 - As parents, to improve the G&T program, we can:
 - Reach out to the superintendent
 - Ask for funding for G&T Prek -12
 - Ask if the kids are getting what they need
 - Speak at BOE meetings
 - Go to County Council Meetings

Adjourned at 8:15 PM

Submitted by Loren Rainwater—PTA Secretary