

PMES PTA
General Membership Meeting
Minutes

11/10/2016 – 7:00 PM – PMES Media Center



Attendance: Ben Richardson, Danielle Spigler, Morgan Polan, Fran Downes, Nicole Moaddel, Linda Kuhar, Robert Kuhar, Renee Mann, Chrissy Sandifer, Sarah Meehan, Leigh Horan, Sandy deJesus, Rino Anoa, Brenda Cottrell

- Call to order 7:06
 - Established quorum
 - Minutes from Sept. 21, 2016 approved
 - All documents from all meetings on PTA website
- Treasurer's Report – Fran Downes
 - Paid for field trips for Kindergarten & 3rd Grade
 - Paid for some assemblies as well
 - Laptops have been purchased
 - Paypal will be allocated to four different categories once transfer is complete
- President's Report – Danielle Spigler
 - HCPS 2017-2018 calendar is out for public comment
 - Visit hcps.org, scroll down to submit feedback
 - Board of Ed votes on Dec. 19
 - Highlights:
 - Half days for planning will be county wide, K-12
 - Most half days are attached to weekend with a holiday
 - First day is Sept. 5, 2017
 - Last day could be as early as June 7, as late as June 15.
 - No more Thanksgiving break
 - Harford Glen
 - 5th grade just returned from their second day
 - Used to be overnight program, currently a day program
 - Discussion at the Board of Ed to possibly reinstate overnight
 - Parents should contact the board, speak at meetings, email to advocate for this
 - Mr. Richardson also shared what a positive, worthwhile experience it is for the kids, and it would be great to see it reinstated as an overnight
 - Chick Fil A Calendars have been distributed, with the exception of a handful of orders. Those folks have been contacted.
 - Conference day dinner went very well. THANK YOU to everyone who cooked or sent in items, and especially to those who volunteered to set up/clean up.
 - Leadership
 - Officers & Chairpersons needed
 - PTA President, VP, Treasurer and Secretary
 - Holiday Shoppe
 - Carnival
 - TAC (Teacher Assistance Committee)
- Vice President Report – Morgan Polan
 - Membership
 - Record-breaking year for membership: 394 members
 - Goal was 380
 - 59 Staff members joined
 - 27 Corporate Members

- Principal's Report – Mr. Richardson
 - Thank you for the meal on conference day
 - Teachers & staff really appreciated the hot meal on a long day
 - Conferences went well, good parent turnout.
 - Emergency Evacuation to Harford Tech
 - Students & Staff responded very well
 - Grateful to parents for remaining calm
 - Harford Tech were great hosts and all went very smoothly
 - On the passing of Mrs. Siddique
 - Many families and members of the community have expressed interest in doing something to show support
 - Being a public school we are limited as to what can be done
 - Working alongside the PTA we will collect for a memorial fund
 - Donations will go to Harford Center, to help students with special needs.
 - Please remind ALL FAMILY MEMBERS attending American Ed Celebration to bring ID
 - Parents will not be allowed in cafeteria
 - New devices: Mr. Richardson showed one of the new laptop carts
 - 21 Dell laptops per cart
 - Smaller devices means they are easier for students to handle
 - Touchscreens
 - Wifi is coming to the portables so they will be able to fully use them.
 - From students who tried them out at the meeting: “They have emojis!” 😊
 - PARCC: 5th Graders will be required to take the test on the computer this year.
 - Next year, all students will be required to take PARCC on computers.
 - 5th Grade will have priority for use of new laptops this year so they get time to familiarize themselves with the devices.
 - Construction is going well
 - They are currently painting, installing ceilings, floors are coming.
 - Meeting next week to discuss and plan transition of classes to new classrooms
 - Veterans Day ceremony tomorrow around the flagpole.
- Teacher Reports
 - None
- Committee Reports
 - Reflections
 - Projects are due this coming Tuesday
 - Lots of prizes for winners
 - Forms on the PTA website
 - Hospitality – Morgan Polan
 - American Education Celebration
 - Kiss & Drop for donations starting tomorrow
 - Need help for morning?
 - Need help with the refreshments in the lobby for guests
 - Sign Up Genius on website, still slots available for help & items
 - Holiday Shoppe – Chrissy Sandifer
 - Night Time Shoppe
 - This year, family night will offer vendor tables from our corporate memberships
 - Need volunteers for the night sale, hoping to have lots of kids shop that night to reduce number of kids shopping during the day hours
 - Merchandise
 - We are supplying our own items; Still shopping, sports items are tougher to find
 - Numbers are being based off of last year's sales

- Some leftover items can be repurposed for Carnival prizes
- Naughty Dogs Spirit Dine on Monday, Nov. 14 – 15% for PTA
 - MUST show flyer
 - One of our PTA corporate members, owned by a PMES family
- International Night in February/March
 - Looking for food donations
 - Any and all types of ethnic food needed
- Box Tops was VERY successful! Raised over \$1200
 - Class winners were Miss Noll & Mr. Baker
 - New playground toys and extra recess
 - Next Contest ends in Feb
 - Will be sending home baggies to collect again
 - Also just received a check from Shoparoo for over \$95!
- Applebee's Breakfast with Santa
 - Dec. 10 – 8-11 am
 - Advance ticket purchase – look for flyer coming home in next few weeks
 - Advance tickets are less expensive than at the door

Adjourned at 7:45 PM

Minutes taken by Renee Mann, typed & submitted by Danielle Spigler