

PMES PTA
General Membership Meeting
Minutes
09/26/2018 – 7:00 PM – PMES Media Center



Attendance: Danielle Spigler, Mandi White, Shannon Anoia, Sarah Penney, Karen Jankowiak, Jeanna Gentile, Lisa Rice, Virginia Faulkner, Erin McCadden, Laura Lenker, Tammy Webber, Jodi Harclerode, Heather Holdaway, Lorien Covelly, Rachel Gauthier, Renee Mann, Yelena Vaks, Roger Imhoff, Michelle Davis, Lynne McMennamin, Tom McMennamin, Debbie Smith, Cindy Powell, Miguel Zambrano, Art Kaff, Cailin Kehoe

- Call to order 7:05pm
 - Introductions
 - Established quorum
 - Minutes from May 30, 2018 approved (motion by Virginia Faulkner & seconded by Cailin Kehoe)
 - Reminder that all documents from all meetings on PTA website, “Documents” tab.

- Treasurer’s Report – Mandi White
 - We are in good standing based on our end of year financial review.
 - Paypal numbers still need to be cleaned up from Back to School Night so numbers are a little skewed (need to separate spirit wear vs membership sales)
 - We’ve cut a check to Mrs. Martin for the cultural arts assemblies for this upcoming year.
 - Treasurer’s report filed for audit for 2017-2018.
 - Motion to approve budget for 2018-2019 (motion by Heather Holdaway & seconded by Tammy Webber)

- President’s Report – Sarah Penney
 - Welcome to everyone and to our new Assistant Principal – Mrs. Gentile
 - I attended the PTA training workshop over the summer and worked with many other local PTAs. It was very educational and we shared a lot of information. Anyone can attend these meetings if you are interested in learning more about how the PTA functions.
 - New for this year – we are changing Laps for Learning to the Panda Fund Run. We will be offering level prizes and an Ipad mini as our grand prize. We are hoping the level prizes will help us raise more money this year. We do need volunteer help for the event and to assist in getting donations. Remember, 100% of the money we raise for this event goes directly back to our school.
 - We still need more volunteers for the following committees –
 - School store
 - Yearbook
 - Box Tops
 - Talent Show
 - Breakfast Buddies events

 - Kindergarten Playground
 - We are fully funded on our end to assist with getting a new Kindergarten playground. The rest of the money needed will have to come from HCPS and Parks & Rec.

- We need your voices at the School Board Meetings to obtain the additional funding. There are other schools requesting money too so we need to make sure we are heard as well.
 - Mrs Jankowiak stated that this is a great opportunity for our kids to learn about advocacy and how to voice themselves.

- Vice President/Membership Report – Danielle Spigler
 - We have some help with our Membership team this year – Miguel Zambrano. He will be chairing our Membership Committee and is doing a fabulous job so far. Our goal this year is 456 members and we are already at 385.
 - We are hoping to increase our corporate members this year too and Miguel has informed us that we signed up an additional 3 members today.

- Secretary Report – Shannon Anoaia
 - Nothing to report

- Principal's Report – Mrs. Jankowiak
 - Thank you to everyone for commitment, dedication and hard work.
 - I commend the PTA Executive Board on their hard work over the summer in order to prepare for this year.
 - I also thank you for the wonderful breakfast on August 23rd. It was bountiful and delicious and a great way to welcome back our teachers and staff. It is a very busy day for everyone and this is one less thing we have to worry about.
 - Additionally, I appreciate the gift cards you handed out and the treats you provided everyone with during the first week of school.
 - The Harford County Education Foundation hosted a wonderful event today called Everyday Heroes. I nominated our own Mr. Leizear for all his hard work assisting the school. All the terrific artwork you see on our front windows and hanging around the school can be attributed to him. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Leizear.
 - Mrs. Tara Recor won funding from Freedom Federal Credit Union for professional development conferences for our PMES teachers.
 - Please remember that we have our first Early Dismissal of the year on 10/18. Make sure your children are aware of where they are going once school dismisses. We will also have our first Panda Spirit Day on 10/18 (wear school colors).
 - I have renamed our Panda Peacemaker assemblies to Panda Pride assemblies. We will be recognizing children for their attendance records.
 - Please keep your appointments with your child's teacher on conference day (11/5). It is critical for you to meet on that day as this day is allotted by the county.
 - Mrs. Covelly (Instructional Facilitator) and I have already been in 10% of the classrooms to conduct formal observations this year. Feedback is provided to support student learning and resources are provided to support professional growth.

- Assistant Principal's Report – Mrs. Gentile
 - I am very glad to be back home. PMES was the very first school I taught in and I'm excited to be here.
- Committee Reports
 - Beautification: Cindy Powell
 - The 2nd garden in the back of the school needs some love and attention. We are looking for volunteer help for that.
 - Ink Recycling: Tammy Webber
 - Just a reminder that we only get credit for name brand cartridges.
 - "Only One You" Rock Project: Sarah Penney
 - We will be getting all new students, incoming Kindergartners and new staff together to paint their rocks for this year. A date will be set soon and we'll need a few volunteers for that.
- New Business: Danielle Spigler
 - The Executive Board met with Mrs. Jankowiak over the summer and we discussed the idea of using additional PTA funds to support the technology needs of the school. Mrs. Jankowiak expressed that such monies would be a big help.

Therefore, we are putting forth a motion to take an additional \$6,000 from PTA savings to supplement the school's classroom support budget and purchase 12 new laptops.

Motion accepted (Lynne McMennamin) and seconded (Debbie Smith).

Motion approved.

Thank you. According to Mrs. Jankowiak, it may take a couple months for the computers to arrive.

Adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted by Shannon Anoaia