

PMES PTA
General Membership Meeting
Minutes

1/28/2019 – 7:00 PM – PMES Media Center



Attendance: Mandi White, Shannon Anoaia, Danielle Spigler, Sarah Penney, Karen Jankowiak, Jeanna Gentile, Lisa Rice, Erin McCadden, Tammy Webber, Renee Mann, Lynne McMennamin, Cindy Powell, Jen Hopkins, Michelle Davis, Cailin Kehoe, Daniele LaMotte, Karen Parsons, Ashley Porter, Lauren & Miguel Zambrano, Rachonne Moore, Jill Murray, Mary Jo Trichtinger

- Call to order 7:10pm
 - Introductions
 - Established quorum
 - Motion to approve November 8, 2018 minutes by Michelle Davis & seconded by Ashley Porter. Minutes approved unanimously by voice vote.
 - Reminder that all documents from all meetings on PTA website, “Documents” tab.

- Treasurer’s Report – Mandi White
 - Our Breakfast with Santa at Applebees was right on budget.
 - Spiritwear numbers are high but that is because we purchased a lot of new inventory this year.
 - Our numbers were low for our Spirit Night/Paint Night at Magerks and that may be because we combined the two events this year. We may separate again in the future. There were also other events going on that evening at the local middle school which may have affected attendance numbers too.
 - Our membership numbers are outstanding and Sarah will speak more on that.
 - Sweethearts Dance – decorations have not been accounted for yet as we like to purchase those after Valentine’s Day to get the best price.
 - Classroom support expenses are high but that is because of the additional 12 laptops that the PTA purchased for the school. (The additional funds were voted on and approved during the September General PTA meeting)

- President’s Report – Sarah Penney
 - Thank you to Erin McCadden for chairing and coordinating a perfect American Education celebration. Thank you to all of you who donated to our refreshments table and volunteered. We’d also like to give a big thank you to the custodial staff for their assistance that week.
 - We held our Applebee’s Santa Breakfast on December 6 which was a huge success. Applebee’s was great as usual and let the kids serve. The kids loved it. Santa was late but we will do our best to make sure that doesn’t happen next time.
 - Paint night with Made Me Mine at Magerks went well, as Mandi discussed in her treasurer’s report. If anyone has any suggestions to make this a more successful event or thinks we should make any changes, please feel free to let us know! We’d like a bigger turnout next time. This year’s event was not well attended and did conflict with other local school events. (suggestions were made to hold this event in the Spring next year and perhaps do a paint activity like growth charts)
 - Holiday shop was wonderful again this year. Our night event went well and we had a lot of volunteers including many high school students. The daytime events were also well attended

and I am happy to report that there are a few co-chairs for the 2019 holiday shop which is appreciated. We have already started shopping and have the bulk of our sale items already for next year.

- Candy Bingo – being that this was a new event for us this year, I believe it went extremely well and we were completely sold out. We will shorten the event for next year as things ran a little late. We have received nothing but good feedback from everyone who attended. A big kudos to Mrs. Debbie Smith for securing the books for this event and Mrs. Danielle Spigler for chairing it.

Upcoming Events –

- Post your Pet (2/4-2/8) – Bring in a picture or drawing of your pet or dream pet and make a donation of your choice. The pictures will be hung up in the specials hallway for all for all of the students to see. 100% of your donation will go to the Harford County Humane Society. This is part of our community caring goals for the year and we thank our community donations chair, Michelle Davis.
 - Box Tops – The box top window closes Feb 19. Please start turning in your box tops in so that teachers have time to get them to Tammy Webber and each class's volunteers to count and cut them. We just received a \$500 check from our last submittal.
 - Yearbooks – Yearbook sales are live! We will not have any extra yearbooks to sell at the end of the year so all orders MUST be pre-orders. We will NOT be ordering any extra. The cost will also now be \$25. Forty of our teachers recently voted on the 5th grade artwork which will be featured in the yearbook.
 - Sweethearts Dance – The Little Sweethearts Dance is coming up Feb 22. Mandi White is the chair and she has already held a committee meeting and got the ball rolling. We are looking forward to this adorable event again. Tickets are on sale now and there are only 25 left for this event as of tonight. We have capacity restrictions so we can only have a set amount of people (students and family) that can attend. We will need lots of volunteers for this dance. We will not be offering carnations like last year but instead will be doing a lot of other fun things.
 - Bingo – We are starting to collect basket and raffle items for our regular Bingo night in March. If any of you own a business, have business owner friends or any connections, we would greatly appreciate you reaching out for donations or giving us their contact information. This is our biggest fundraiser of the Spring and we not only want it to be a success but we also want to have great baskets for our attendees. It will be held at C Milton Wright in their cafeteria. Letters will go out about this event next week including information about grade level baskets. This event will sell out. Tickets will go on sale around the end of February.
- Vice President/Membership Report – Danielle Spigler
 - Our membership numbers are now up to 464, well above our goal! I want to say a huge thank you to Miguel Zambrano for his help in obtaining many of these new and returning members.
 - Secretary Report – Shannon Anoaia
 - Nothing to report
 - Principal's Report – Mrs. Jankowiak
 - Thank you to everyone for commitment, dedication and hard work.

- Report cards will go out on 2/8. Grades 3-5 will receive live report cards similar to the ones that middle and high school students receive. Grades PreK through 2nd will receive paper report cards like last year. Next year their report cards will be condensed down to 1 page.
- I would like to speak about attendance for a moment. Please be aware that if your child misses at least 20 days of school by the end of third quarter, the student will be referred to the retention committee for review.
- Our meeting with the Superintendent has been rescheduled to April.
- Thank you all very much for your hard work on the Candy & Book Bingo and other recent events. I truly enjoy seeing all of our students and their families at these events.
- Assistant Principal's Report – Mrs. Gentile
 - Nothing to report
- Committee Reports
 - Holiday Shoppe - Sarah Penney - the event was a huge success this year and we had lots of volunteers. We have also purchased most of the inventory we will need for next year.
 - Paint Night - Lauren Zambrano - we need a better way to get people to turn out for these events. This year's event was not well attended and did conflict with other local school events. Suggestions were made to hold this event in the Spring next year and perhaps do an activity like growth charts.
 - Family Fun Nights – Sarah Penney for Heather Holdaway - Breakfast with Santa was a success even though Santa was late. We will confirm a week ahead with him next year to make sure he has us on his calendar. The children were allowed to serve everyone and they had a blast.
 - Community Outreach – Michelle Davis - Post your Pet runs 2/4-2/8 – donations from this event will benefit the Humane Society.
 - Box Tops – Tammy Webber - collections close on 2/19 so send in your box tops soon.
 - Yearbooks – Danielle Spigler - you must order your yearbooks this year. We will NOT be ordering any extra. The cost will also now be \$25. Forty of our teachers recently voted on the 5th grade artwork which will be featured in the yearbook.
- Teacher Report –
 - Cindy Powell - I just wanted to tell you all about a wonderful thing that happened during our recent Harford Glen trip. We had two brand new students join PMES as 5th graders the same morning as our trip. These students had just been registered with the school but then chose to board the buses and join the rest of our 5th graders and attend the sleepover at Harford Glen. Therefore, due to our current students doing such a wonderful job in making these new students feel welcomed, and for these new students to take such a leap of faith and join us, the entire 5th grade received the Stewardship Award this year. This was such a huge accomplishment and I felt compelled to share it with you all.
 - Mrs. Trichtinger – Our book fair will take place 2/19-2/27 and we will need volunteers to help with this event. Family night will be 2/26 from 4pm-7:30pm. Our greatest need for volunteers will be on Wednesday.
- New Business
 - Ms. Murray – I am in need of an accompanist for our 5th grade chorus performance. I have researched an individual who would cost \$100 for the evening. I may need assistance during performances next year as well which would cost around \$300 for the year.

- Motion to take \$100 from our Cultural Arts budget to pay for an accompanist was made by Danielle Spigler. Motion seconded by Cailin Kehoe. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.
- A question was submitted to Mrs. Jankowiak regarding whether or not HCPS has an Outdoor Play Policy.

Mrs. Jankowiak – there is no policy regarding temperatures and outdoor play. There are many factors which come into play when deciding to take students outside or not such as – the wetness of the grounds, outside temperature, and current weather conditions. All staff reviewed HCPS’s handbook before the beginning of the year. If anyone has any questions regarding why their child did or did not go outside on a particular day, I ask that you speak with their teacher first and get their reasoning behind their decision that day. I will send an email out to all our staff regarding your concerns but I ask that you please follow up with them.

If there’s no more new business, we will move on to the informational portion of our evening, our Q&A with Mrs. Karen Jankowiak regarding the new School Report Card System. Mrs. Danielle Spigler will also be speaking about how the school budget system works and how we can voice our concerns to the Board of Education, County Council and County Executive.

Business portion of meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM
Respectfully submitted by Shannon Anoaia