

PMES PTA
General Membership Meeting
Minutes
11/8/2018 – 7:00 PM – PMES Media Center



Attendance: Mandi White, Shannon Anoja, Sarah Penney, Karen Jankowiak, Erin McCadden, Tammy Webber, Heather Holdaway, Renee Mann, Lynne McMennamin, Cindy Powell, Rachel Willms, Sandy Caldwell

- Call to order 7:05pm
 - Introductions
 - Established quorum
 - Motion to approve September 26, 2018 minutes by Lynne McMennamin & seconded by Heather Holdaway. Minutes approved unanimously by voice vote.
 - Reminder that all documents from all meetings on PTA website, “Documents” tab.

- Treasurer’s Report – Mandi White
 - We did an amazing job on the Fund Run. We far exceeded our goal number.
 - We are currently in the red for Spiritwear but that is because we just paid off a few invoices.
 - Membership dues are high but that is because we just paid out our dues for 300 members.
 - We just received a check for \$540 from Shoparoo for last year so please keep snapping those receipts.
 - The numbers from the Chick Fil A spirit night still need to be entered into the Treasurers Report.

- President’s Report – Sarah Penney
 - The Panda Fund Run was a huge success. We are still waiting for a couple corporate donations to come in and then we pay for the prizes.
 - We have also met our membership goal of 456 as of last night! We have almost 100% of our full time teaching staff signed up as well. We just need one more teacher.
 - For anyone of you that were here last PTA meeting and got to meet our candidates I wanted to let you know that Rachel Gauthier was voted in as our school board rep for Harford County Board of Education District E.
 - A reminder that American Education Celebration is coming up soon. According to Erin McCadden, our Committee Chair, donations are extremely low for our refreshment tables. Please utilize the Sign-Up Genius for a list of what is needed and send in those donations.

Upcoming Events –

- American Education Celebration - 11/12-11/4
Focus Days for visitation are:
 - Mon. Nov. 12: Grandparents' Day
 - Tue. Nov. 13: PreK, K, Grades 2 & 4
 - Wed. Nov. 14: Grades 1,3,5
- Early Birds is scheduled for 11/15
- Our Panda FunD Run Prize Assembly is scheduled for 11/15 as well
- The Baltimore Blast is scheduled to come to the school on 11/28 to do a meet and greet with the students and play against the teachers for Kindergarten and 4th grade.

- Danielle and I recently attended ALICE training. It was informative and although we know that isn't the program the school is using, we are happy that the school is moving forward with run, hide, fight training. HCPS will be going through ACRT (Active Assailant Critical Response Training) which is similar. The current timeline from the Superintendent is that school based administration will be trained Nov-Dec 2018. Teachers and other staff will be trained Jan-June 2019. Lessons for students will be piloted and refined by Spring 2019 and delivered Fall 2019. If anyone is interested in attending ALICE training, the Aberdeen Police Department runs those classes and information can be found on their website.
- Kindergarten Playground
As one of our goals, we wanted to move forward with obtaining a new kindergarten playground. Myself, Danielle Spigler, Mrs. Jankowiak, Lorien Covelly, and others from the HCPS system (the head of PE, Joseph Harbert, Paul Kline of Facilities and Katie Ridgeway of HC Risk Management) met recently regarding the Kindergarten playground. We were advised that their budget is tight. The structure itself was deemed safe but small improvements can be made if needed. If it gets to the point where the structure is in very bad shape then HCPS will just remove it and we will have nothing until a new playground can be funded. Therefore, the school is currently looking at playground carts that the Kindergartners can use in addition to the playground. We are still going to push for a new playground though.
- We are still looking for committee volunteers for - American Education Celebration & Spiritwear
- Vice President/Membership Report – Danielle Spigler
 - Not present
- Secretary Report – Shannon Anoaia
 - Nothing to report
- Principal's Report – Mrs. Jankowiak
 - Thank you to everyone for commitment, dedication and hard work.
 - The laptops that the PTA assisted in funding have been ordered. I also ordered an additional 30.
 - I ask that you please follow what is going on with HCPS budget situation. I was recently shocked to discover that only 25% of the residents in Harford County have children currently attending school and I believe this is a major factor contributing to our bare bones budget situation. Two weeks ago I had 10% of my budget pulled back (close to \$9100). To put this into perspective, our Envision math books alone cost \$10,000, so this was a big blow to our school budget. We've lost our teacher mentors and I am probably going to lose my Instructional Facilitator next year. It's scary that we are losing such highly educated people. Things like this will continue to happen if we don't give voice to these budget concerns so please be proactive if you can. November 27th is the next Board of Education meeting and you are always welcome to attend and let your voices be heard on behalf of our children.
 - American Education Celebration is coming up soon. We are excited to have you all. Please note that we will not be offering the feedback forms that we've done in previous years.
 - Thank you all very much for your hard work on the Panda Fund Run.
- Assistant Principal's Report – Mrs. Gentile
 - Not present
- Committee Reports

- Reflections
 - Sarah Penney for Nicole Moaddel - reflections entries are due by 11/28
- Holiday Shoppe
 - Sarah Penney - Holiday Shoppe is scheduled for the evening of 11/29. The daytime shopping days will be on 12/10 and 12/11.
- Paint Night
 - Sarah Penney for Lauren Zambrano - Paint Night is 12/5
- Family Fun Nights
 - Sarah Penney for Heather Holdaway - breakfast with Santa is on 12/2 and tickets are on sale now.
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- Teacher Report – Cindy Powell
 - Conference day went very smoothly.
 - The bar graphs that the Fund Run committee did were a perfect idea. It really helped to motivate each grade, especially 5th.
 - The 5th grade field trip to Harford Glen has been scheduled for 12/3-12/5.
- New Business
 - Nothing

If there's no more new business, we will move on to the informational portion of our evening, our Q&A with Sandy Caldwell, the School Safety Analyst for the MD Center for School safety. She is here to talk about a new safety tip line and app. Further information about the app can be found here - <http://safeschoolsmd.org/>

Business portion of meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM
Respectfully submitted by Shannon Anoaia