

PMES PTA
General Membership Meeting
Minutes
3/26/2019 – 7:00 PM – PMES Media Center



Attendance: Mandi White, Shannon Anoja, Danielle Spigler, Sarah Penney, Karen Jankowiak, Erin McCadden, Tammy Webber, Renee Mann, Cindy Powell, April Lloyd, Laura Lenker, Cailin Kehoe, Ashley Porter, Amy Patrick, Heather Jacobs, Juliet Sweetser, Debbie Smith, Sheryl Smith, Leigh Kaminsky, Joan Hare

- Call to order 7:10pm
 - Introductions
 - Established quorum
 - Motion to approve January 28, 2019 minutes by Tammy Webber and 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 Sweethearts Dance was right on budget.
 - Spiritwear numbers are good given we’ve purchased a lot of new inventory this year.
 - Bingo – we doubled our goal for Bingo. Danielle and Tammy will speak more on that this evening.
 - Patriot Program – the numbers you see is budgeted for 5th grade’s program and field trip.
 - 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
 - The majority of the Executive Committee attended the HCCPTA Founder’s Day Dinner on 2/21/19. What an outstanding night for our PMES PTA! We earned 6 awards, plus a special award for Nicole Moaddel, for her outstanding contributions to the Reflections program at the County level.
 - Please educate yourselves on the Fund15 Program for Harford County Public Schools. This program is pushing for the County Executive to fund Harford County Public Schools \$15 million more than last year in order to keep our public schools afloat. They have an email template that you can personalize and use to reach out to our local government officials. More information can be found here on Facebook-
<https://www.facebook.com/fund15forharfordcountypublicschools/>
 - The upcoming Board of Education meetings will be held on 4/8/19, 5/6/19, and 5/20.
 - Elections are coming up in May - We have formed a nominating committee. Those individuals are Renee Mann, Tammy Webber and Ashley Porter. Thank you ladies! All of us on the Executive Committee are running again. If anyone is interested in running or you have any questions you can contact an officer or the nomination committee. We will put out the slate of nominees 10 days prior to our May meeting which would be May 19. Because Sarah and Danielle were considered finishing each other’s terms, we are running for reelection for our 2nd 2-year term.

- Debbie Smith is our new Staff Representative for the Board of Directors.
 - Our Bylaws are due to be updated by May.
- Proposed Bylaws Update presentation made by Sarah Penney.
 - No changes to existing bylaws were proposed, including length of terms of office for officers, number of meetings, members required for quorum, etc. A copy of the proposed bylaws can be found on the PTA website, on the Documents tab.
 - Motion to approve Bylaws was made by Joan Hare. Motion seconded by Erin McCadden. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote. Bylaws adopted and approved.
 - Vice President/Membership Report – Danielle Spigler
 - Our membership numbers are now up to 466, 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.
 - Kindergarten registration will be on May 3rd. Letters will be mailed out to parents on April 17th. Right now we are slated for 4 kindergarten classrooms.
 - I would like to speak about attendance for a moment. Please be aware that parents will be notified beginning with their child's fourth incident in a quarter related to late arrival, early dismissal or absence. This is a county requirement and is included in the updated attendance policy changed in December of 2018. HCPS Attendance Policy can found on their website at www.hcps.org. Schools are required to monitor the attendance of students.
 - The 3rd marking period ends soon. Report cards will be distributed on 4/12/19.
 - MCAP Testing will begin soon (previously PARCC). 5th graders have completed MESA already.
 - 4th graders will be tested 4/15-4/18, 4/23-24 and 4/29. Testing starts at 9am.
 - 3rd graders will be tested 5/7-5/10 and 5/13-5/16. Testing will begin at 10am.
 - 5th graders will be tested 5/7-5/10 and 5/13-5/16. Testing will begin at 9am.
 - Please be aware that the writing portion of the test does elevate scores. It is a very important section of the test.
 - Testing typically takes at least 2 hours each day.
 - Handouts about the test will be sent home soon. Schools will receive students' scores next fall and individual student test scores are sent home to parents.
 - Assistant Principal's Report – Mrs. Gentile
 - Not present
 - Committee Reports
 - Bingo – Danielle Spigler and Tammy Webber – It was an awesome night this year! We had a terrific committee and we thank you all.

To sum everything up –

- 184 donors
 - 401 tickets sold
 - 15 former pandas came to volunteer
 - 65+ staff members attended
 - 41 raffles
 - 21 baskets
 - 3 specials
 - \$825 on 50/50 game
 - Countless door prizes
 - Total profit of \$15,000
- Staff Appreciation – Sarah Penney for Lauryn Seifert - Please keep an eye out for the volunteer sign up genius. We need a ton of volunteers. Also if anyone wants to donate or has connections for door prizes for the staff and food items for the week, please let us know.
 - Talent Show – Joan Hare – This is a free event. Registration forms will be sent out this week. We will have a max of 40 performers and a 5th grade finale. May 15th will be our rehearsal and 5/16 will be the show. Practices will start 4/9 and will continue for 4 to 5 consecutive Tuesdays. Permission slips must be signed each Tuesday for your child to attend practice sessions. Volunteers are needed for to assist with the show and to shadow Joan as she only has one more year at PMES.
 - Beautification – Cindy Powell – We will be working on the little garden in the back of the school this spring. During the last week of June my class will be weeding that area. Mr. Powers has agreed to bring in his blower to clear the leaves from the rock stream in the front of the school.
 - Sweethearts Dance – Mandi White – This was a PTA give back event and it sold out in 4 days. We are open to any and all feedback regarding it. I am thankful for the large committee that I had as they are the ones who truly make this night work.
 - Ice Cream Social/Art Show – Erin McCadden – This event is coming up soon. We need volunteers and I'll have the sign up genius in place soon. This is another PTA give back event.
 - Rock Painting – Sarah Penney – We are scheduled to paint on 3/28 and 3/29. We will need volunteers to assist the students, especially on Friday when the Kindergartners will be painting.
 - Yearbook – Danielle Spigler – The deadline for ordering a yearbook will be 4/1/19. We will not be ordering extras so make sure you place your order soon. Checks made payable to PMES PTA by 4/1/19.
 - Square One – Sarah Penney – The cut-off for ordering online is this Friday.
 - Muffins with Moms/Donuts with Dudes – Sarah Penney for Michelle Davis – Please use the sign up genius if you plan to attend so that we can adequately plan for food and drinks.
- Teacher Report –
 - Cindy Powell – The Patriot assembly will take place this Friday. Barry Glassman or one of his designees will attend.
 - New Business
 - No new business

If there's no more new business, we will move on to the informational portion of our evening with guest speaker, Laura Rajala, Local Care Team Coordinator for Harford County.

The Harford County Local Care Team is an inter-agency council designed to provide support to families trying to access services for a child with intensive emotional and behavioral needs. This collaborative group brings together representatives of several child-serving agencies to review a child's particular needs, and then work together with family input to identify programs and services that can help. More information can be found here - <https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/1744/Local-Care-Teams>

Business portion of meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM
Respectfully submitted by Shannon Anoaia