

PMES PTA
General Membership Meeting
Minutes
9/16/2015 - 7:00 PM - PMES



Attendance: Gail Dunlap, Marcia Fithian, Danielle Spigler, Fran Downes, Loren Rainwater, Morgan Polan, Nicole Moaddel, Beth Pelletier, Leigh Horan, Linda Kuhar, Christine Jensen, Theresa Lutz, Elisabeth Airey, Brenda Cottrell, Samrin Khwaja, Tracey Comer, Shannon Magness, Dawn Whaley, Aneesah Butler, Erin McCadden, Leigh Horan, Christine Boessel, Mary Jo Trichtinger, Jen Hopkins, John Wandemberg, Chrissy Sandifer, Kristen DeMarino, Sandy DeJesus, Heather Holdaway, Shayna Love, Lynne & time McMennamin, Tammy Webber, Mary Buyse, John Seifert

- Call to order 7:03
 - Introductions
 - Established quorum
 - Minutes from June 3, 2015 approved
 - Beth Pelletier made the motion & Heather Holdaway seconded

- Treasurer's Report - Fran Downes
 - Question about carry over from last year
 - It is high due to the money from past PTA's
 - Income:
 - Question about LAPS fundraiser
 - About half of our fundraising for the year
 - Expenses
 - Discussion of field trips
 - PTA budgets \$10 per student
 - Requested items given to administration and teachers
 - Review of money spent so far this year
 - Budget for 2015-2016 was unanimously approved
 - A reminder that BJ's Discount Membership forms due by Sept 30

- President's Report - Danielle Spigler
 - Meeting with Mrs. Popiolek - director of Physical Education for HCPS
 - Explanation of discussion
 - Asked if we could eliminate Jump Rope for Heart
 - Not an option, as it is more than a fundraiser
 - Benefits include education, awareness and outreach
 - Kindergarten Playground
 - Harford County will not allow a PTA to contribute more than \$20,000 for a playground
 - There are rules with need to follow from the HCCPTA, MDPTA and National PTA in terms of purchasing equipment
 - The county codes/requirements for building a playground
 - Water and sewer
 - Access from buildings and parking lots required
 - PMES PTA is ready to go with \$20,000.00
 - Harford County government needs to put money in, then it can grow from there
 - We must advocate to County Council and County Executive
 - Go to meetings
 - Speaking to the board
 - Be Positive, Be Personal, State needs

- Go and listen to see how it works
 - Dates for BOE meetings are on the back of the agenda
 - Question on why the cost of the playground is so high, could we revitalize the existing kindergarten playground?
 - Once you change the existing structure, it falls under new construction and new requirements and costs
 - Mr. Vincenti (County Council Rep) has seen our building and understands the needs we have
 - Input Session with Superintendent
 - October 8, 2015 at 5PM
 - She wants to know what we want to see money spent on
 - Operational items
 - Class size
 - Gifted and Talented Programs
 - Teaching positions
 - Other items pertaining to operation of schools
 - Capital items
 - Building changes, etc.
 - Money for schools
 - comes from County Executive & County Council
 - BOE allocates where the money goes
 - New!
 - Family Fun Nights
 - Chair, Heather Holdaway
 - Community Outreach
 - Timmi Brenneman
 - iMOM/All Pro Dad
 - iMOM program was eliminated by the people who run the program
 - All Pro Dad needs a chairperson
 - It was suggested that maybe the two could be combined and recreated
 - Current PTA Executive Board
 - After the 2016-2017 school year, the current board will have completed their terms
 - Need interested people to shadow, to make transitions easier
 - Community Outreach
 - Donations for the Dean Family from Movie Night equaled \$471
 - PTA Purchases
 - Mouse pads
 - Lexan for marquee
 - Paper cutters for each pod
 - Bins for first grade
- Vice President Report - Morgan Polan
 - Membership
 - Lots of new members
 - Keep signing up online or with the form
 - You don't have to volunteer to join
 - PTA pays out \$10 per student
- Secretary's Report - Loren Rainwater
 - Chick Fil A Calendars
 - Currently at 49 calendars including online orders
 - Last year 250 calendars were ordered
 - Need to ramp up sales
 - We get \$4.50 for each calendar

- Mystery Deals are great and for good items
 - Ordering
 - forms available in front office
 - order online PTA Website
 - Due September 30
 - Panda Pals
 - A list of names and emails have been compiled
 - Available upon request for committee chairs
 - Those on this committee can help with committees that are thin
 - They can work at home or in school depending on the needs
- Principal's Report - Gail Dunlap
 - New Construction-WALLS!
 - 6-8 portables/relocatables are coming in the spring (April) after PAARC
 - Phased process
 - Work will start in the summer
 - Upgrades to everything including HVAC, electric, etc
 - Academics
 - September is an assessment month
 - Kindergarten KRA is almost finished
 - First Grade FOUNTASPINNEL
 - 2nd through 5th SRI
 - All of the above determine grouping for reading
 - Whole Brain Teaching
 - Teachers will have their first class next week
 - Lucy Caulkins Writing
 - K-5 developmental writing
 - Teachers need to be trained in the fundamentals of this program
 - Grouping
 - Heterogeneous in homerooms
 - Homogeneous in reading and math
 - Gifted and Talented
 - 50 students identified as Gifted and Talented
 - Ms. Recor
 - clustering with children
 - coteaching math in grades 3-5
 - some focus in Language Arts
 - focus on pumping up math scores
 - Next PTA Meeting on 11-11-15 will have a special portion focusing on G&T with Ms. Recor and Peter Carpenter
 - Mrs. Dunlap is enjoying the children
 - She shared how AWESOME they are
 - Mrs. Dunlap will
 - reciprocate and participate with the PTA
 - have an open door for parents
 - be here for us and our children
- Teacher Reports
 - Expressed gratitude for the PTA
 - Noted that the community is different here, impressed with participation from PTA
- Committee Reports
 - Hospitality - Morgan Polan & Leigh Horan
 - American Education Week

- M-W there will be treats and beverages for guests
 - We will be asking for donations
- International Night - Sandy deJesus
 - Thanks to our new chair for this committee
 - Ideas for classroom involvement
- LAPS for Learning - Mary Buyse
 - Changing things this year
 - Working on prizes
 - Raffle
 - Assembly for raffle
 - Grade Level competition instead of classroom
 - Winner would get movie, popcorn and PJ party
 - October 21, 2015 (Raindate October 28)
 - Need to positively promote this event
 - No pie in the face
 - No extreme principal incentive (but there will be something from Mrs. Dunlap)
 - Need volunteers
- Cafeteria - Jen Hopkins
 - Volunteers
 - Any amount of time is appreciated from 11 AM -1 PM
 - Help kids with their lunches
 - Sign Up Genius will be on the PTA Website
 - If you don't sign up and can come that is fine
- School Store - Jen Hopkins
 - Not PTA, but we are helping
 - Run by 5th grade
 - Needs helpers
 - Sign Up Genius on PTA Website
 - Hours MWF from 8:30-9 AM
- Carnival - Chrissy Sandifer & Theresa Lutz
 - New date to come
 - Starting to look for donations now
- Reflections - Nicole Moaddel & Lucille Brennan
 - Theme: Let your imagination fly!
 - Eight categories
 - Can enter as many times as you wish
 - Due end of November to the beginning of December - date to follow
 - Winners
 - PMES level, County, State and National Levels
 - Breakfast for participants in the spring
- Family Fun - Heather Holdaway
 - Square One Art
 - Student artwork goes onto a variety of products
 - Need volunteers
 - Sort orders
 - Dining for Dollars
 - Some of the same nights and some new
 - Chick Fil A Day in Forest Hill
 - All day on Wednesday, September 23, 2015
 - Show flyer
 - Bertuccis, Greene Turtle, Applebee's, etc.
- TAC - Toni Roland
 - TAC is Teacher Assistance Committee

- Do teacher busy work
 - Has communicated via email to those that signed up
 - Meets typically on Tues and Thurs, but this can be flexible
 - Get trained and can work anytime
 - If you need to reach Toni for questions or training or would like to volunteer, please contact her at roland_toni@comcast.net
 - Next year will be Toni Roland's last year
 - Needs a person to shadow that would take over for her after that; she would mentor
 - Teacher Appreciation - Katie Chalpin
 - Toni Roland will also continue to help with this committee
 - Important to have volunteers, especially in May when volunteers start to fall out
 - Yearbook - Danielle Spigler
 - need photographers
 - shortages in classes
 - Individual Pictures
 - Not a fundraiser for PTA
 - Fall pictures will go into the yearbook
 - Contract expired with Lifetouch
 - Procedure is to put 3 bids
 - Principal/school gets 30%
 - Contracts every two years
 - New contract with Strawbridge
 - Easy transition
 - Pictures tomorrow
 - Pictures and class photo in the spring
 - Yearbook photographs
 - Come from the fall individual pictures
 - Contracted still with Lifetouch
 - Should be an easy transition to get pictures into the yearbook
 - Holiday Shoppe - Morgan Polan & Chrissy Sandifer
 - December 2 day and evening & December 4 day
 - Days were selected with reordering in mind
 - Held in music room
 - Email from PTA when event gets closer
 - Sign Up Genius to come- need volunteers
- New Business
 - To make sure you are getting email from the PTA, add the following to your contacts, to avoid email from going to your junk box
 - webmaster@prospectmillpta.org
 - president@prospectmillpta.org
 - PTA Information
 - For every three fundraisers, we have to have 3 non-fundraisers
 - Open for ideas
 - PTA is not all about raising money: Advocacy is our #1 purpose
 - Sign Up Sheets
 - If you signed up for a committee on the sign up sheets posted in the hallway and have not been contacted, please contact the committee chair or Danielle Spigler
- Meet and Greet with Mrs. Dunlap
 - Q: What will Mrs. Dunlap do for LAPS?
A: Not the roof, duct tape or pie-will think of something (maybe Kung Foo Panda)
 - Q: Is it a county-wide policy for homeroom's to be homogeneously grouped?

- A: The grouping deals with scheduling and SRI scores; reading data for PMES is awesome
- Q; What do you plan to change this first year?
A: Plans to observe, learn, be a PANDA and be in watch-and-learn mode
 - Q; How is it determined about Professional Days?
A: It is done above the school level; 11 snow days included (8 of which are in June)
 - Q; Why is the conference day so early?
A: Decision was made and planned above the school level
 - Q; What is the school doing for community outreach?
A: Faculty “jeans” Fridays for Charity; raised more than \$300 for Ashton; done on a pay day Friday; other ideas include Habitat for Humanity, Susan G Komen, someone with a need
A: Danielle will discuss with Timmi from the PTA side; kid involvement (Crayola recycling markers, Bags of Hope, gardens, etc.)
A: Idea presented for senior center visits
A: school also does mitten tree, candy grams, harvest for the hungry
 - Q; Can spirit day earn money for charity? A \$1 to be silly.
A: Used to be done before Mr. Cook. Will look into it.
 - Q; How are they going to incorporate more recess?
A: Mr. Hagan has a plan, an initiative; piloting a wellness program
A; In SIT they are incorporating 10-15 more minutes of recess per week and having brain breaks in classrooms
 - Q; What can be done about the class sizes in 4th grade?
A: Some relief with reading class sizes; we are not maxed out yet (30 kids per class)
A: Mrs. Dunlap is aware and her boss is aware
A: Advocate

Adjourned at 8:48 PM

Submitted by Loren Rainwater—PTA Secretary