

PMES PTA
General Membership Meeting
Minutes
1/18/2017 – 7:00 PM – PMES Media Center



Attendance: Ben Richardson, Danielle Spigler, Morgan Polan, Fran Downes, Loren Rainwater, Nicole Moaddel, Linda Kuhar, Robert Kuhar, Rino Anoaia, Lynne McMennamin, Angelena Matheny, Brendan Cottrell, Jen Hopkins, Erin McCadden

- Call to order 7:04
 - Established quorum
 - Minutes from Nov. 10, 2016 approved
 - All documents from all meetings on PTA website

- Treasurer's Report – Fran Downes
 - Paypal will be allocated once transfer is complete; fees get deducted
 - Paid for field trips for Kindergarten & Mrs. Belzner for character education items
 - Chick Fil A calendar amount updated
 - Matching donations still to come from Laps, so we really did meet goal
 - Assemblies: balance still to be paid, will use whole budget
 - Still items that Kim Holthaus will submit (Carson reading room subscriptions, AgLabs, agenda books)

- President's Report – Danielle Spigler
 - Explanation of HCPS Budget Process
 - Flowchart, also available on Documents tab of website
 - Various cuts proposed by Superintendent
 - Harford Glen
 - Swim Program: has implications for potential future cuts for other extra curriculars
 - Other concerns: GT program, class sizes, teacher pay
 - Need to advocate at Board of Ed meetings for what you don't want cut
 - If not in person, email board members
 - Let Danielle know via email what is important to you for PTA to advocate for on behalf of PMES PTA members
 - Leadership
 - Officers & Chairpersons needed
 - PTA President, VP, Treasurer and Secretary
 - Holiday Shoppe
 - Carnival
 - TAC (Teacher Assistance Committee)

- Vice President Report – Morgan Polan
 - Membership: can still join!
 - If you join at Movie Night or upgrade membership can get Perks and free admission

- Principal's Report – Mr. Richardson
 - Danielle Spigler received award from MSDE for GT Advocacy
 - PARCC & Science testing
 - PARCC: April 19-May 12 (test window)
 - Please avoid taking your children out of school for appointments, etc. during those times
 - Science Assessment: Maryland Integrated Science Assessment: March 13-31 (test window)
 - 5th graders will test all online
 - 3rd and 4th grade will test on paper, but next year will be on computer
 - National Reading Month

- Special days and ways for children to participate
 - Construction has been eventful
 - Phase 1 was more difficult, phase 2 was smooth, phase 3 smooth so far
 - New classrooms are beautiful
 - Not a lot of storage, will come
 - Hope to be finished in late April
 - Moving 4th and 5th grade is still undecided
 - Discussion regarding suspected gas leak last week, and weather/roads/buses
 - Mr. Richardson met with construction team and came up with additional procedures
 - Any time any gas work is done, HCPS personnel will be notified and potentially on-site
 - Following morning there will be an inspection by custodial staff & HCPS personnel if needed to evaluate
 - Questions raised by parents regarding mouse situation in portables
 - Kids said no more snacks? Is that school or teacher policy?
 - Seems to just be word of mouth from kids
 - Extermination process is difficult because certain protocol must be followed because it is a school and children are present
 - Mr. Richardson will discuss situation with teachers
 - 90,000 lb crane will arrive on Feb 2 to remove the old HVAC on Feb 3
- Teacher Report: None present
- Committee Reports
 - Cafeteria: Jen Hopkins
 - New flyer will be coming home soon to remind people to volunteer
 - Bring In/Give Back: Danielle Spigler for Tammy Webber
 - Still collecting until Feb 17
 - Received check for \$1,300.00 for Box Tops
 - Send in ink cartridges to recycle also
 - Shoparoo: put app on your phone and scan receipts
 - Family Fun Nights: Danielle Spigler for Heather Holdaway
 - Square 1 Art – Kids have started working on projects
 - After feedback from last year, we've asked teachers to make sure kids sign their name on their artwork
 - Mrs. Rowe has some sample items displayed in classroom
 - International Night: Danielle Spigler for Sandy deJesus
 - Event is coming: March 3: 5-8 PM
 - Entertainment is booked!
 - Held at PMES in cafeteria
 - Holiday Shoppe: Morgan Polan
 - Very successful
 - Profit of about \$2,000.00 which will help fund purchases for next year
 - Family night was a huge hit
 - Positive feedback from vendors
 - Hot chocolate was also a hit with the kids ☺
 - Sarah Penney has agreed to chair for next year and they've already begun shopping for items for next year
 - * Danielle commended Morgan and Chrissy for an excellent job with a huge task
 - Reflections
 - Winners have been chosen for PMES
 - Top winners sent on to Harford County PTA
 - Hospitality – Morgan Polan
 - Need a chair for next year
 - Will be easier to find someone soon to shadow for Ice Cream social

- Date still TBD for Art Show/Ice Cream social
- Yearbook: Danielle Spigler
 - Cover has been created and submitted
 - Cost will remain \$20 for preorders.
 - Price goes up to \$25 after deadline so don't miss out for discounted price
 - Photographers will submit pics by March
- Carnival: Danielle Spigler for Chrissy Sandifer
 - Need donations for Silent Auction
 - Letters distributed for people to solicit donations
 - Also need sponsors for booths
 - Grade level baskets will be done again
 - Potential for a few more big-ticket raffle items like cornhole
 - Kona is all set up
 - Carnival money is split with school in next year's budget so participation from staff is needed and appreciated
- TAC: Morgan Polan
 - Need help on Thursdays
 - Work is coming in waves, extra help would be good
- Talent Show: Danielle Spigler for Joan Hare
 - 5th grade finale: Joan will speak to classes to encourage participation
 - Auditions: coming up. Papers have gone home
 - Slightly different set up this year: right after school, parents will pick up at 4:30
 - MUST send in permission slip for students to be allowed to stay after school that day
 - March 28 is mandatory dress rehearsal, Show is at the Amoss Center on March 29
- Staff Appreciation: Danielle Spigler for Katie Chalpin
 - May 1-5
 - Luncheon will be the Friday before on the half day
- New Business
 - Still need 4 officers for next year
 - Anyone who may be interested please reach out
 - Easiest way to transition will be to shadow for as long as possible
 - HCCPTA provides support and meetings are held in May for training
- Next Meeting: Thursday, March 23

Adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted by Loren Rainwater