

Prospect Mill Elementary School PTA

Type of Meeting: General Membership Meeting

Date: 09/29/2021

Location: Virtual via Teams



Attendees:

Laura Lenker (President), Mandi White (Vice President), Lisa Rice (Treasurer), Emily Hale (Recording Secretary), Meredith Colburn (Corresponding Secretary), Karen Jankowiak (Proud Principal), Lorien Covelly (Assistant Principal), Ashley Porter, Christina Jones, Allison Orman, Cindy Powell, Sara McJilton, Sarah Penney, Sheetal Kapoor, Erin McCadden, Julie Garden, Lisa Herbert

Meeting start: 7:10 pm

Meeting start and welcome– President Laura Lenker
We have quorum.

Request to approve minutes from last meeting (May 18, 2021). Ashley Porter motions; Sarah Penney seconds the motion. **Minutes approved and will be filed.**

AGENDA:

VP/Membership Report, Treasurer's report, President's Report, Secretary's Report, Principal's Report/Teacher/Staff Report, Committee Reports, New Business

VP/Membership Report:

Vice President, Mandi White, gives an update on Membership. We are at 263 members. We are 65 members over where we were last year. We hope to still get more but we understand it is a delicate balance as we are still in a pandemic. We have 38 staff members. We currently have 6 corporations. We used the QR code for people to use in signing up and we will continue using that. Please spread the word that this is an annual membership and to please sign up!

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Lisa White, [shows current income and expenses]. The biggest thing we will be talking about is the budget approval. We have put everything in because we don't know what is going to happen. You will see under income that we still have community nights, fundraisers, membership dues, spiritwear, and yearbook. For expenses we still have the field trips, PTA expenses, student recognition, and support our school. If everything does happen and we meet all of our goals, we will have \$3,610 net income at the end of the year.

Request to approve the budget. Ashley Porter motions to approve. Sarah Penney seconds the motion. All in favor? "Aye" [Unanimous] Any opposed? [None] **Budget approved.**

President's Report:

President, Laura Lenker, gives update on staff breakfast and gift cards at the beginning of the year. We haven't had the opportunity to do any other events yet but hopefully we will soon.

Recording Secretary's Report:

Recording Secretary, Emily Hale, has nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Corresponding Secretary, Meredith Colburn, will be uploading staff Wish Lists and the minutes to the website.

Teacher/Staff Report:

Proud Principal, Mrs. Jankowiak, thanks everyone for their support. She discusses our school nurse, Nurse Tritto, and the nature of her job. Unfortunately, Nurse Tritto doesn't typically call families with good news. She follows the guidelines from Harford County concerning Covid-19 and quarantining. I highly encourage families to make a plan if their child comes into contact with someone and needs to quarantine. Sometimes we are getting news at 9:30pm of positive cases and we are moving fast to contact families. I know the news is an inconvenience but please be kind to Nurse Tritto. Nurse Tritto is doing an outstanding job!

Students in 4th and 5th grade are taking assessments right now that they would have taken last year. Grades for 3rd -5th graders are being posted to HAC so if you have any questions please contact your child's teacher. The curriculum department put out new curriculum maps.

Interventions are happening and will pick up. Grade 3-5 there will be an intervention block.

Grades 1 will have it first block of the day. Grade 2 will have it first block of the day.

Kindergarten is a little different and will be supporting daily. Gifted and talented services do not happen until 3rd grade.

The 5th grade will be able to go to Harford Glen but it will not be overnight. That will be our first layer of field trips. The county has not approved anything else. Assemblies are difficult because we cannot put everyone in the gymnasium at the same time.

We will not be having in person parent-teacher meetings. We have fourth quarter report cards and the first one comes out November 19th and the quarter ends on November 5th. If you need to have a parent-teacher meeting, you may request one and arrange it over TEAMS.

The Flu Clinic is happening next week as well if you are interested.

I want to thank you for all of your support in helping us. I will talk to our staff about the importance of joining PTA.

Assistant Principal, Mrs. Covelly, had comments but unfortunately could not be heard due to poor connectivity.

Teacher, Cindy Powell, reminds us that the county started an award this year called The Family Friendly School Awards. It takes one person from the community to nominate the school. The nominations are for the first week of the month. I think we all agree we are super family friendly. It's an honor to be nominated!

The link is: <https://www.hcps.org/parents/parentacademy/familyfriendlyschoools.aspx>

Committee Reports:

Fund Run: Ashley Porter is the chair. Mrs. Jankowiak approves that it can happen if we use the larger outside field for social distancing. Also, we should change it to a "walk" so kids are not bumping into one another and are able to stay distanced. Mrs. Jankowiak suggests still doing it by grade level so the kids in each class stay together and classes don't intermingle.

New Business:

None.

Meeting wrap:

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm

Minutes respectfully recorded by Emily Hale, Recording Secretary