

Prospect Mill Elementary School PTA

Type of Meeting: General Membership Meeting

Date: 11/17/2021

Location: Virtual via Teams



Attendees:

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, Sara McJilton, Michele Brown, Nina Martin, Cindy Powell, Melissa Zorbach, Sarah Penney

Meeting start: 7:07 pm

Meeting start and welcome– Vice President Mandi White. Introductions of executive members. We have quorum.

Request to approve minutes from last meeting (September 29, 2021). Meredith Colburn motions; Ashley Porter 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, we are sitting at 302 members and that falls about 10 members higher than our goal and that is great. Our Proud Principal was nominated as one of the "Best of Harford County". You can vote at Baltimoresun.com under Best of Harford.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Lisa White, [shows current income and expenses]. We are still waiting to see how much we got back from Open House Night with Kona Ice. Panda Stride did very well – we almost hit the \$16,000 mark. We have Black Eyed Suzie's and the Holiday Shoppe coming up. SpiritWear is restocked if you need anything. We are around Net \$15,000. We are in great shape already and it says a lot about our community and how much they support us.

President's Report:

President, Laura Lenker, is absent; therefore, nothing to report.

Recording Secretary's Report:

Recording Secretary, Emily Hale, update on today's fall treat buffet for staff as part of the Staff Appreciation Committee. Donations made this event possible by Weis Market and Balti'Marons. Special thank you to Amanda Maurer, Emily Taylor, Kaitlin Loftus, and Laura Lenker. Also, this announcement is to the teachers that TAC is up and running if you need any assistance. We have a full committee ready to start cutting, tearing out pages of math books, or whatever we can do to help. The school counselor, Laurie Smith, and school Nurse, Maureen Tritto, pointed out that the school doesn't have any extra clothing in the event that a child needs a change of clothes for accidents or sickness. If anyone has any neutral gender clothing to donate please let me know and I can pick up or you can send into the school labeled for either Mrs. Laurie Smith or Nurse Tritto. Also, this is not a PTA event but wanted to spread the word that Harford County Department of Community Services and Mt. Zion Church will be having a Health & Wellness Resources Event on December 1st from 4-7pm. There will be self-care stockings for families,

health and wellness resources, food pick-ups, rental assistance, housing and energy assistance and more. For more information to access these resources or to help donate information can be found at www.harfordcountymd.gov/services or 410-638-3389.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Corresponding Secretary, Meredith Colburn, reminds us to check the PMES PTA website to sign up for emails and updates. You can check Facebook as well. Also on the website the Teacher and Staff Wish Lists will be posted soon on the website. You can also find all of the minutes from all of our meetings and the sign-up genius to sign up to volunteer for events.

Teacher/Staff Report:

Proud Principal, Mrs. Jankowiak, shares that Mrs. Shawn Zapf, Kindergarten teacher, was recognized and celebrated at Water's Edge Banquet tonight as an Every Day Hero. Information will be up on the Prospect Mill website. Today we had our superintendent and many others visit PMES today and they were blown away by what the teachers were doing and our children. I am so thankful for our teachers and to you for sharing your children.

Assistant Principal, Mrs. Covelly, was asked and addressed whether or not we will have Adopt-A-Family and will reach out to Mrs. Smith (4th grade) to get more details and also will let us know if we will be doing a hat/mittens drive. On behalf of our staff and Mrs. Jankowiak we want to say, thank you! Third Grade has completed the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). Second Grade will take the test next. Once those dates are confirmed we will send that information out. Mrs. Recor has asked to have a meaningful meeting for the community pertaining to this test. We noticed that many times earbuds are difficult for young children to use. If you are able to it would be helpful for children to have headphones and a mouse. It is not necessary but just an idea to help them. Pertaining to upcoming events: HCPS Operational Status are the metrics of what we are allowed to do and we are at that mercy. At this time we are allowed to use outside people using our facility with certain agreements such as mask wearing. That is why we were able to approve the Panda Stride and Holiday Shoppe. If you have other events please submit a facilities request and we will look to approve it but it could always change, downsize, or be canceled due to these HCPS metrics. I would like to echo from the last meeting that staff, bus drivers, and everyone is doing more with less and really working hard to do everything they can for our children.

Teacher, Cindy Powell, thank you for the treats today. I'd like to remind everyone 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. The link is: <https://www.hcps.org/parents/parentacademy/familyfriendlyschoools.aspx>

Committee Reports:

Panda Stride: Ashley Porter is the chair. Our goal was \$16,000 and we were just shy of that goal. We had a pretty big turnout (244 students financially participated). The only thing we need from parents is to fill out the forms that we posted and emailed so we can organize for the prizes. Once we get the details on prize distribution we will reach out to parents so they know when to expect them. Thank you to those parents who could come to help volunteer that day. Thank you to Mr. Powers and Mr. Horn for being the Emcees for the day.

Holiday Shoppe: Meredith Colburn is the chair. Holiday Shoppe Flyers will be coming home soon. It is taking place in the gym on December 3rd from 5:30 – 8pm. All items are \$6 and under. Cash and check only – no credit cards. Masks are required at all times. This is a great opportunity for volunteers and we will need them for setting up, taking down, making signs for the day of, door counters at the door (as there is a limit of people allowed in). We will not have

vendors due to the restrictions and to utilize the most space possible to socially distance ourselves.

Spirit Dine with Santa: Leigh Kaminsky is the chair. This event will take place on Monday, December 6th from 5:00 – 7:00pm at Black Eyed Suzie's. Ten percent of all sales during this time will go directly back to PMES (dine-in and carry out). This event was formerly known as the Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's.

Reflections: Erin McCadden is the chair. Deadline is November 30th at 9:00am in the cafeteria. The theme this year is "I will change the world by..." Please check the PTA webpage for more information.

New Business:

None.

Meeting wrap:

Meeting adjourned 8:01pm

Minutes respectfully recorded by Emily Hale, Recording Secretary