

# **Prospect Mill Elementary School PTA**

**Type of Meeting:** Virtual General Membership Meeting

**Date:** 01/10/2023

**Location:** Virtual Teams Meeting



**Attendees:** Laura Lenker (President), Emily Hale (Recording Secretary), Meredith Colburn (Corresponding Secretary), Karen Jankowiak (Proud Principal), Mrs. Rahshida Wilson (Assistant Principal), Amanda Maurer, Caitlin Lynch, Christina J, Emily Colvin, Erin McCadden, Jen Rice, Jennifer Roe, Laurie Campbell, Manuel, Melissa Zorbach, Cynthia Powell, Sarah Penney, Suzette Attah, Kim Evans, laisha Shawabkeh, Melissa Wilson, Stephanie Stefanoni, Mary Ann Clinton, Miguel Zambrano, Schwartz family, Jessica

**Meeting start:** 7:06pm. Welcome, and introductions – President Laura Lenker. We have quorum. Request to approve minutes from last General Membership meeting (November 09, 2022). Meredith Colburn motions; Erin McCadden seconds the motion. **Minutes approved and will be filed.**

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Lisa Rice, has been excused from this meeting. Laura Lenker updates in her place. [Shows current budget]. Line-by-line update on money coming in/out.

**President's Report:** President, Laura Lenker: Panda FUNd run grade level winners received their prize with a Baltimore Blast assembly. Book Bingo is January 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a free event. Please use the Sign-Up Genius if you plan to attend so we know who is coming and can send you the link information. We also have a new event in the month of February called "Escape the Cold and Head to Disney". PTA will sell tickets through MemberHub for chances to win 10 Disney park passes. You can enter February 1 – 15<sup>th</sup>. The winner will be randomly chosen via MemberHub February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**VP/Membership Report:** Vice President, Mandi White, is excused from this meeting. Laura Lenker will update in her place. It is not too late to become a member if you aren't already. There are some perks being a member. One is being able to buy the Little Sweethearts Dance tickets before they open up to the rest of the school. Tickets will go on sell January 27<sup>th</sup>. We limit it to one adult per child and max two adults for multiple children. Flyers will be coming soon.

**Recording Secretary's Report:** Recording Secretary, Emily Hale: TAC is up and running. For those on the committee, once we have jobs available I will email the group. We will be having a Baltimore Blast PMES Night on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:05pm. Current PMES students are free with a paying adult. Extra tickets will be discounted for PMES at \$25 per ticket. More info will be coming soon.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Corresponding Secretary, Meredith Colburn, thank you to everyone who helped with Holiday Shoppe. We are already preparing for next year. There will be a small change that it will be \$10 and under event due to inflation. I will be chairing it next year. We are always looking for those who want to start training to work on the event.

## **Teacher/Staff Report:**

*Proud Principal, Mrs. Jankowiak:* We have a fantastic PTA and they do so much for our school community. Thank you for everyone who has been helping support our school, lunch room, and those who helped other families during the holiday season. The school received thank you notes from multiple families for the help that was given to their families while in need.

Assistant Principal, Mrs. Benjamin Jones is not on the call today but Assistant Principal, Dr. Wilson is with us for the first time. Dr. Wilson has been a great addition but we have only been approved for a second AP for one year at this time. We have a new PE teacher, Kyle Costello. He will be at PMES part-time on M-T-Th-F. Nate Horn will be with PMES full-time for 5 days a week. Mr. Andrew Smith has retired and Grace Walker will be the new 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Amanda Wright will take over the CSP.

February 10<sup>th</sup> report cards will come out. Grading period ends on January 7<sup>th</sup>. At that time we will be looking at chronic absenteeism. Any student who has 4 attendance events within a quarter (late, dismissed early, absent, etc.) will receive a county generated letter. If you get this letter you have nothing to worry about as it is just an information letter. However, if you are getting calls from the principal or the county, please be concerned.

We are in the middle of a testing window, please help me help your children. This is a one-time assessment. They are more than just that number so please don't define them by that number. We are looking at data over time. We want growth and kids to do their best.

We were recipients of love and care at the beginning of the school year. We provided that same love and care to North Harford High School. We delivered breakfast on behalf of our staff, our photo, and our rainbow. We were happy to pay it forward.

*Assistant Principal, Dr. Wilson:* I am glad to be a part of PMES. I have had a couple opportunities to join the events that you have had and they are all phenomenal. Whenever you need me to do something I will be more than happy to volunteer for it.

*Mrs. Powell:* Continued thanks and appreciation to the PTA volunteers, old and new, for all that you do. You are going above and beyond to make things feel normal and bring happiness to the students.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Reflections:** Erin McCadden, chair, announces PMES Reflection winners. We will have a breakfast and award ceremony in the spring.

#### **Primary Division:**

Photography Category: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Carson Harclerode

Visual Arts Category: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Reed Wetzel  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Dylan Reich  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Andrew Gable

#### **Intermediate Division:**

Dance Category: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Teagan Horseman

Literature Category: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: James McCadden  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kerry McCadden  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jackson Correll

Photography Category: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kaelyn Harclerode

Visual Arts Category: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Tyler Reich  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Justin Penney  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Lucas Powell  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Kerry McCadden  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Addison Powell

**Sweetheart Dance:** Melissa Zorbach, co-chair: DJ is confirmed and we are looking forward to a great event.

**Spirit Wear:** Melissa Zorbach, chair: We received 19 orders so it wasn't a great turn out. Should we open again before end of year or wait until next year? Suggestions include: Put out a survey to see who would like another shop open, create a flyer to alert when the store is open, and allow more lead time before launch.

**Square 1 Art:** Amanda Maurer, chair: The kids have started working on their projects. Catalogs will be out mid-March. Parents will have three weeks to order. The one big change is that Square 1 will not ship to the school. They will only ship directly to student's home. There is a small shipping fee unless you buy \$75 or more.

**Staff Appreciation Committee:** Laura Lenker, chair: Staff Appreciation Week will be May 1 – 5<sup>th</sup>. The committee has already started planning. If anyone would like to help please let us know.

**New Business:** None.

### **Meeting wrap:**

Meeting adjourned 7:52 pm

***Minutes respectfully recorded by Emily Hale, Recording Secretary***