

**Mount Lebanon City Council of PTA's  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Hoover Elementary School  
November 6, 2019- 9am**

Bonnie Dougherty, Council President, called the meeting to order at 9am. The group said the Pledge of Allegiance. Bonnie thanked Ms. Giehl, Hoover's Principal and Jamie Freeman, Hoover's PTA President for hosting today's meeting.

October 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

**Executive Board Reports**

**Treasurer's Report:** Bonnie shared Rich's report: The following budget information was shared via email to members. Georgia Pogue Scholarship fund Budget to Actual, Georgia Pogue Scholarship Fund Finances, and the Council Budget to actual report. The current council balance is \$6,574.80 and the current Georgia Pogue balance is \$19,903.42.

- Rich wanted to remind unit PTA's to submit their tax forms and to make donations to the library
- To Date 5 out of 10 units had paid the unit dues to council

**Council PTA President Bonnie Dougherty:** Bonnie shared the following updates:

- Reflections submissions are due today. So far Bonnie has submissions from Markham, Foster, Washington and the High School
- Bonnie thanked the school board members for hosting meeting and reception prior to the last school board meeting. She also Congratulated and welcomed the newly elected members: Ms. Valerie Fleisher, Dr. Justin Hackett, and Mr. Jacob Wyland along with returning members Mr. Hugh L. Beal, and Mrs. Sarah Olbrich.
- The School Safety Presentation was very well done and very helpful. If you missed it, the video is available at <https://www.mtisd.org/about-us/district-news/details/~board/district-news/post/a-community-conversation-about-school-safety-watch-the-video>
- Unit PTA's please start thinking about Nominating Committees and try to put those groups together
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Pa Snow Pass information will be shared in all elementary school newsletters. Please look for that information if you have a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grader.

**Mount Lebanon School District Superintendent Dr. Tim Steinhauer:**

Dr. Steinhauer discussed and shared the following:

- Three new board members Ms. Valerie Fleisher, Dr. Justin Hackett, and Mr. Jacob Wyland were elected yesterday. They will start service December 2, 2019 along with four veteran members. Our School Board is critical to our districts success and we appreciate their service.
- November 18, 2019 there will be an academic performance review. The school board will be reviewing all district academic indicators such as PSSA's, Keystone's, SAT's, PSAT's etc.

- The Conover's and Matt's Maker Space generously donated \$25,000 for Middle School Maker Space's.
- Nolen Fetchko our Food Service Director was recognized by the school board for his implementation of *Game Day Meals*.
- The school board approved a different role for Brian McFeeley while he makes his health the priority. His new role allows him to manage special projects and assignments without additionally having to manage the day to day programs. Joel Thompson will take over the daily responsibilities of the high school principal position for the time being. Dan Rich will be moving from Mellon to be the new assistant Principal. A long-term substitute will be filling in for Mr. Rich at Mellon.
- The first Parent University Session will be Monday January 27<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more details to sign up for the programs you are interested in attending.

**Old Business: Bonnie Dougherty**

- None

**New Business: Bonnie Dougherty**

- A council Nominating Committee is needed- Representatives are needed from Foster, HS, Council, Howe, and Mellon.
  - Rebecca Matheus volunteered to be on the committee for Council

**Unit President Announcements:**

Colleen Frank- PTA President at the High School shared that tickets are on sale for the Holiday Percussion performances and that the opening night for the play *As you like it*, is tonight at the high school.

**Community Representatives:**

**Mount Lebanon School Board:** Sarah Olbrich shared the following:

- The school board audit was accepted with no audit findings which is great news.
- In Early October Sarah presented on Social and Emotional Learning at the PA School Board Meeting. The group participated in a Mindfulness session which included a Breathing Self Awareness program.
- Calming corners are in our elementary schools, the Head Space app is used by students and staff, and a new Mind Den is opening at the high school.

**Mount Lebanon Municipality:** Laura Lilley

- The Municipality needs our help with the Public Communication study. Please complete and encourage everyone you know to complete the survey by November 27th.
- The recommended budget is available to view online, at the library and at the municipality building. Please check the online calendar for all the upcoming meeting dates. <https://www.mtlebanon.org/299/Commission-Meetings>
- Lebo Emergency is a new and separate Lebo Alert. This alert system is only for life threatening emergencies. You can sign up by texting 99411 or by going to <https://www.mtlebanon.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=916>

**Outreach:** Mary Birks

- The World Health Association is predicting that Depression will be the #1 Disease burden. Students in high performing school districts experience higher amounts of stress.

- Teen Screen will start in January 2020.
- Hidden in Plain Sight has attended events in Scott and Peter's Township.
- The Choices Program, a drug and alcohol education program is currently available. Sessions run the third Saturday of every month.
- Outreach is looking to bring back the "Parenting Teens" Program. Stayed tuned for additional information coming soon.
- Additional programming information is available at <https://outreachteen.org/>

**Mount Lebanon Fire Department:** Bonnie Dougherty shared current department activities in the classrooms. Over a 100 classes have been presented to students.