

**Mt. Lebanon City Council of PTA's
Council Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2022 - 9:00 AM; Jefferson Elementary School**

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting called to order at 9:00am
2. Approval of Minutes - October 2022
Motion made by Marisa to approve the minutes as they stand seconded by Bonnie. The ayes have it no objections. Minutes approved from October
3. Treasurer's Report – Denis Skorskiy
See attached reports
4. Executive Board Reports
 - a. President – Becki Campanaro
 - i. Meetings this month
 1. Oct 21 w Dr Irvin talked about elementary breakfasts eating in classroom is going well & requesting that all the schools do it; moving away from Styrofoam in the lunchroom; F/u w ELA going well; Playgrounds approx. 1 year ago we talked about deteriorating playgrounds and how to fund. School board will now be putting money towards it and rotating the funds to schools w most need; Sustainability is an avenue that some 5th grade service projects
 2. Oct 24 Presidents coffee main discussion was about schoology
 3. Oct 27 w Dr Davis- Deanna Hess joined the meeting also talked about district covid booster clinic success and expect to do another one for 5-11 y/o soon, spike seen in RSV and flu; talked about Live stream in HS for those in isolation; Dr Steinhauer's winter letter went out on schoology; district is participating in ASCEND Lebo; ALICE training for coaches who are not teachers or district employees so everyone is using same language; boys volleyball team update;
 4. Oct 27 met w Mr Hladio about schoology and creating a survey for parent/student concerns and FAQ sheet and Tip of the week to go in school newsletters, and setting up open time to meet w parents during elem conferences
 - ii. Upcoming events
 1. Crossing Guard breakfast is tomorrow (Nov 3)
 2. Meeting w Dr Steinhauer and Mrs Pessy next week
 - b. Superintendent - Dr. Timothy Steinhauer
 - i. Sustainability trying to get refocused on this now since Covid starting yesterday was removal of Styrofoam from elem café

- ii. Tentative agreement was reached w PCAs, and secretaries on contract. It is fair to both taxpayers and employees, board should get it this month and hopefully both the board and the union will pass it.
- iii. Crossing Guard breakfast is tomorrow, Alice drill is today at HS
- iv. Cold weather letter was sent out
- v. Superintendent search is ongoing along with Assist Superintendent search goal is to get everything in place for a smooth transition
- vi. Sports Football team made the playoffs again this year. Boys Volleyball team Ron is heading up we had a team that faded out about 11 years ago, we can't get a WPIAL team this year but are helping w a club team and more parent mtgs will be soon
- vii. Question was asked about Matt's Maker Space is it still going and budgeted for? Answer each building has added it to their budget and is self sustaining. Dr Murray had worked with the librarians last year, this year it is coming back to normal Brooke Webb the new principal at WES is in charge of it now that Dr Murray retired and within the next year should be seeing new activities and partnerships with it

1. Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Marybeth Irvin

- a. Weather letter we are meeting today to discuss what an elementary weather day will look like projecting a mostly async day w checking ins. Using schoology to log in and to post assignments
- b. DEI we had over 100 teachers do the optional training it is open to all staff, PCAs, secretaries, Admin had training w ADL last week

2. Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Ron Davis

- a. Maker spaces-Middle schools have a maker mentality esp w the unified arts program
- b. Covid booster clinic had over 450 individual hoping to have another clinic next week for 5 and up

3. K-12 Technology Coordinator – Mr. Mike Hladio

- a. Meeting w principals on monthly rotation to ID opportunities for growth and ID teachers who are “high flyers” that can be used as point people in their buildings
- b. Newsletters have seen uptick in views some may be more students seeing them if they are in schoology
- c. Planning w building principals an open help desk on conference days to help parent questions
- d. FAQ document and student tip of the week to go in newsletters

c. First Vice President – Jean Thomas no report

- d. Second Vice President – Priya Sukumaran no report
 - e. Secretary – Kelly Latona please sign in
 - f. Historian – Lindi Pastorius no report
5. Committee Reports
- a. Reflections are due Nov 17 to the Lebo Reflections Drive
6. Old Business
7. New Business
- a. Election of the nominating committee
 - i. The rotation is Foster, HS, Washington, Markham and Council Rep (Priya). Motion made by Lorraine to accept the above noted committee, Bonnie Seconded. The ayes have it
8. Unit President's Announcements
- a. none
9. Questions for Community Representatives
- a. Mt. Lebanon School Board- Sarah Olbrich
 - i. The School board has not met yet this month. Policy committee is looking at all current policies w a DEI lens and making language more inclusive.
 - ii. We hope to have someone in by January to help fill the two superintendent positions
 - b. Reports for the following will be posted to the PTA website
 - i. Mt. Lebanon Fire Department- Kris Siegert
 - 1. see attached
 - ii. Mt. Lebanon Municipality Laura Pace Lilley
 - 1. No report
 - iii. Outreach- Kaitlyn Campbell
 - 1. See attached report
 - 2. We have noticed an increased request for 1-1 appointments, increases in anxiety and depression and increases for suicidal tendencies and self harm. Especially with the new software from the school. Dr Davis explained our upgraded software/ web filter now flags concerning searches that go right to the tech dept and to safe to say so MTL police can do welfare checks. It also goes to Outreach
 - iv. Mt. Lebanon Police Department
 - 1. No report
 - v. Mt. Lebanon Public Library Scott B

1. Last week was Spooky Spectacular in parking lot had over 200 people
2. McGuinley Native American speaker will be Nov 16
3. Partnership w Outreach including workshop for wellness and mental health, Teens Talk it Out Mondays, Sound Bath Meditation on Nov 15- all are listed on library calendar
4. Speaker series Colton Whitehead tickets are now on sale

10. Announcements

- a. Question posed by Priya There is a trailer that percussion stores its equipment/ instruments. It was moved from the commissioner's lot to the South lot due to the Halloween event. Will it be moved back down? It is very dangerous for the kids to be moving the equipment through the dark steep parking lot during football games.

Answer: talk to the principal at the High School and the band director. They should be able to help answer that question/ concern

- b. No December meeting. Our Next meeting will be January 4 scheduled at JMS.
- c. Percussion tickets order sooner than later
- d. Radium girls is next week at the HS

10. Adjournment

10:15 am

Attendance

Jean Thomas

Marissa Hupe

Bonnie Dougherty

Ron Davis

Kaitlyn Campbell

Ginny Chambers

Kristen Weir

Kelly Latona

Denis Skorskiy

Lorraine May

Sarah Olbrich

Scott Buchanan

Mike Hladio

Kristen James

Stacie Carlson

Dr Steinhauer

Dr Irvin

Brett Bielewicz

Priya Sukumaran -On line