

**Mt. Lebanon City Council of PTA's
Council Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2022 – Howe Elementary School**

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
 - a. Meeting called to order at 9:05 am by Becki C followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes - September 2022 approved as written motion made by Angela F and seconded by Stacie C

3. Treasurer's Report – Denis Skorskiy- see attached report

4. Executive Board Reports
 - a. President – Becki Campanaro
 - i. It's been a busy month of meetings

Sept 9 Elementary presidents met with Dr Irvin topics covered include Schoology rollout few hiccups but going well overall, abundance of emails that are going out to families and how to adjust, 1-1 rollout, new ELA program rollout, Fifth grade rec committee guidelines

Sept 20 Secondary presidents met w Dr Davis topics discussed include Schoology and having evening events for parents, debrief on evacuation drills HS and Jefferson complex were the only ones that had occurred. We learned somethings so now we can fix them. Stacie C Markham Pres joined meeting to talk about Markham to Mellon transition and impact on students.

Sept 26 President's coffee focus was primarily elementary concerns including playground access, when school doors open especially in bad weather and the differences between schools in these issues, general slush funds including Teacher Appreciation and 5Th Grade Rec

Sept 29 Met with Mike Hladio talked about Schoology.

Make sure to submit your dues to state to be in compliance especially for Reflections- Due date for reflections is Oct 17
 - ii. Hoover and Foster will have Bylaws due this year.
 - iii. Elections will be soon an email will go out with do's and don't's particularly for bake sale volunteers
 - iv. PTA was invited to participate in police process of finding a new Chief. Jean Thomas was present to represent us.

 - b. Superintendent - Dr. Timothy Steinhauer

Both of our Assistant Superintendents presented at the prior 2 School Board meetings Dr Irvin on the new ELA program for elementary and Dr Davis on our math program and they are both here today for updates. The School board has set up goals for the year with focus on Schoology, ELA, Sustainable practices like

switching to electric cars, decreasing single use items in café and establishing a Dashboard, and DEI with a dashboard also being developed so the public can see what we are doing. We also celebrated 5 great alumni at the 2022 Great Alumni Awards this past week. Dr Irvin has just put in her intent to retire at the end of the year

Dr Mary Beth Irvin:

- i. ELA we did a lot of training this past few weeks having 2 inservice opportunities to do some training K-2 did 3 hr training w Wilson program, 3-5 was also inservicing with emphasis on writing assessment
- ii. DEI we are doing workshop at end of the month on Identity based harassment and ID based hate. Our main goal has always been and continues to be to make sure every kid feels safe. One of the training sessions starts today w staff training program “Erase the power of illusion” It’s a 3 week program baseline program on race. We attended Pride Ceremony outside MMS, we are currently participating in many cultural activities including a coin drive with World central hunger for the victims of hurricane Ian.
- iii. School breakfasts Free breakfasts just started yesterday at elementary, last week for secondary. It is an initiative from Gov Wolf. Hoping that people will take advantage of it. Approx 100 students at WES, some schools less, menu doesn’t change its grab and go, at WES eating in the classrooms as classes began.

Dr Ron Davis:

- i. Math presentation last night for the School Board overview PSSA math scores from 2014-15 caused by adjustment of math test. We compare ourselves to 15 top school in PA, We have great enrollment of students in higher level math classes at the HS and over 100% enrollment so some kids are taking more than one class.

ii. Thank yous

a. to municipality for being asked to be included in police chief interviews.

b. MRTSA, PD, FD for help w evacuation drills

c. Stacie C from Markham to talk about Markham to Mellon transition. The school board had created a process and we are looking at it currently. Principal Artinger will be having a Principal’s Coffee about it

iii. Covid

Deanna Hess offered Covid booster clinic last week approx. 450 vaccines given. Dashboard is still active approx. 5-6 cases a week so not prevalent in our schools right now.

c. First Vice President – Jean Thomas no report

d. Second Vice President – Priya Sukumaran

Foster and Hoover were contacted to get a bylaws committee formed since they need to update this year.

Markham submitted everything to the state and we are just waiting to hear back on the approval for their Bylaws.

Thank you to the administration for allowing the Marching band to skip the Football game this past week so they could get to their Bands of America competition.

- e. Secretary – Kelly Latona no report
- f. Historian – Lindi Pastorius no report

5. Committee Reports

- a. Reflections Bonnie D. entries due Oct 17
- b. Environmental Shayna B has been attending meeting w the municipality and w HS students. Dr Steinhauer stated that the district will reach out about district meeting so everyone is aware of initiatives.
- c. Schoology Mike Hladio wanted to ensure Schoology be apart of parent events later in the year and schoologyhelp.com is active for questions and problems

6. Audit Committee Report

7. Old Business- none

8. New Business- none

9. Unit President's Announcements- none

10. Questions for Community Representatives

- a. Mt. Lebanon School Board-Sarah Olbrich
Thank you to Dr Irvin and Dr Davis for their presentation to the school board. The new ELA program will have a huge impact on the kids with an improvement on the writing program and math has been improving conceptual math is very hard to teach and test. Thank you to elementary principals who are implementing the new breakfast program. Thank you to Dr Irvin for her 11 years of service to this district. Thank you to Dr Steinhauer for all his years of service. The search for his replacement has started with the deadline of Oct 28. Question was posed by Stacie- Is school board responsible for hiring an assistant superintendent also? Board would be consulted. Would hope the Dr Irvin could be involved also
- b. Reports for the following will be posted to the PTA website
 - i. Mt. Lebanon Fire Department- see report
 - ii. Mt. Lebanon Municipality- Laura Lilley

1. New Police chief- The decision is in the hands of the municipal manager and should be ratified by Oct 25
2. Uptown construction -meeting today with contactor about making Washington Rd safer esp since Pumpkin Patch Parade is scheduled for Oct 29 at 11am. Contactor timeline is to be finished by Nov 30
3. Comprehensive Plan – 10 year plan please fill out the survey at AscendLebo.com Rec dept is also doing a survey about programming Lebo Light up Night Nov 17, Beverly Light up Night Dec 1
4. Ward 3 a new commissioner of Ward 3 needs to be appointed due to Leann Foster moving there will also be a special election to fill that seat on Jan 24
5. Tree maintenance Williamsburg Park and Rockwood Park will be having a lot of trees removed because they are dead more info avail on website.

iii. Outreach- see attached report

iv. Mt. Lebanon Police Department- Jeff Kite

We are awaiting results for the new chief, we don't anticipate changes in staffing. Crossing guard shortages are still present with officers filling in. We are finally back in the classrooms after Covid with PC, K-1 topics include safe walking, Gr 2 calling 911 and stranger danger, Gr 3 internet safety, Gr4-5 different topics including decision making and alcohol. Dr Steinhauer asked if they are seeing any trends with behavior or drug usage? No real trends but social media seems to be tied to bad choices

v. Mt. Lebanon Public Library- Scott Buchanan

Mr Buchanan introduced himself has been at library about 1 year has 2 kids at Lincoln. They are in the thick of fall programming. Everything is by registration this year to help control numbers. Upcoming events include Scary Tales w Ms Rachel Oct 24- 1st grade, Story Time Trick or Treat Oct 27- school age, Teen Mental Health clubs including Tea Club meets monthly next one is Oct 19. Adult Speaker Series is excited to announce that Colson Whitehead will be speaking April 24. Tickets will be on sale soon and the program will be held at Mellon.

11. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 10:10 am

Attendance

Online Priya Sukumaran, Lorraine May, Shayna Bodi, Jean Thomas,

In person Kelly Latona, Kristan Weir, Kristen James, Ron Davis, Mary Beth Irvin, Sarah Olbrich, Jeff Kite, Angela Ferguson, Scott Buchanan, Marisa Hupe, Jennifer Boal, Amy Grella, Stacie Carlson, Lindi Pastorius, Denis Skorskiy, Heather Pessy, Bonnie Dougherty,

Mike Hladio, Tim Steinhauer, Becki Campanaro



Mt. Lebanon Fire Department
555 Washington Rd.
Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228
412-343-3402
www.mtlfd.org

Fire Department Update: October 2022

Elementary fire safety lessons are now scheduled in the public schools from now until March, 2023. It is Fire Safety Week nationwide, and the National Fire Protection Association is promoting escape plans for your home this year. We already have this lesson as part of our regular 3rd grade lessons. You can find out more by going to NFPA.org.

As we all start to turn on the heat in our homes, don't forget to check the carbon monoxide detectors in your home. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that is created by burning natural gas, and this is the season to discover clogged exhaust pipes from the hot water heater and furnace that can cause CO to vent into the home. You should have a carbon monoxide detector by your bedroom—you won't wake up because one in the basement is going off. If you only have one CO detector, move it to where it will alert you when you are sleeping.

We are still taking applications for the next group of volunteers. If you want to give back to the community by joining the volunteer ranks (or would like someone else you live with out of the house more often) you can learn about the training and expectations by going to: <http://mtlfd.org/recruitment/volunteer/>

We are continuing smoke alarm installations and fireplace inspections in residents' homes. You can go to www.mtlfd.org or call 412-343-3402 to schedule or find out more information. It's also Block Party season, so call while you can if you want a fire truck to show up at yours!

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Outreach Teen & Family Services

Outreach has hit the ground running this fall! There have been plenty of great opportunities to share our programs with this community and beyond.

Our new full-time Clinical Director, Kaitlyn Campbell, began her work with us on September 7th, and has already made a huge impact on our work.

We are still not maintaining a Wait List and expect that all sessions will be back in person very soon.

Maggie has been busy with the Youth Advocacy Committee, and 2 of its members have already taken on the critical role of co-hosting the “Teens Tap In” podcast. Two others came to the October Outreach Board meeting and made quite a positive impression. Applications are still being taken until the end of this calendar year. Click on this link to find out how your teen can apply: <https://outreachteen.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/YAC.pdf>

We are very excited to thank the AEO Foundation for a grant to cover YAC expenses for the year!

We have had great success with our “Talk it Out” curriculum for our library partners. Counselors have presented at Castle Shannon Library and Peters Township, and MTL began this week.

Our QPR Gatekeeper training has garnered great interest with both school districts and community partners. This program trains adults who are directly working with our youth in peer-to-peer language for suicide prevention. Caryn Jooste has provided the training at Castle Shannon Library, with upcoming dates at Baldwin Community Library and Bethel Park Community Center, as well as for the MTL coaches. The first year’s training is generously covered by a memorial fund from a local family.

12. Attachments

Treasurer Report

Fire dept Report

Outreach Report

MT.LEBANON CITY COUNCIL of PTAs
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 October 2022

Beginning Balance	\$ 4,473.69
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Income			
Date Deposited	Amount	Project/Committee	Budget Line
10/11/2022	\$ 3,500.00	Previous year transfer from Georgia Pogue account to PNC account	
10/11/2022	\$ 61.50	Previous year Council Membership Dues from Jefferson MS PTA	
10/11/2022	\$ 226.00	Council Membership Dues from Lincoln ES PTA	
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10/11/2022	\$ 224.50	Council Membership Dues from Hoover ES PTA	
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Expenses			
Check Date	Amount	Paid For	Budget Line
Total Expenses	\$ -		

End Balance	\$ 8,765.19
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Council PTA Meeting 10/12/2022

Treasurer Report by Denis Skorski

Agenda

- Financial Summary
- Financial Health
- Dues remittance

Financial Summary, Fiscal Year to Date

Operational Account (PNC)	
Beginning Balance	\$4,473.69
Income to date	\$4,291.50
Expenses to date	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$8,765.19
Not deposited yet	\$0.00
Checks not cashed yet	\$0.00
Balance to date	\$8,796.19

Georgia Pogue Account	
Beginning Balance	TBD
Income to date	\$0.00
Expenses to date	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00
Not deposited yet	\$863.00
Checks not cashed yet	\$0.00
Balance to date	TBD

Financial Health

Finance is in a good stand. Income and expenses are as budgeted or better.

Dues Remittance

Dues submitted so far: Mellon MS, Lincoln ES, Hoover ES.

Documents

The following documents are attached to the report:

- PNC Statements (3 documents): July 2022, August 2022 and September 2022.
- Council PTA Financial statement: October 2022

Georgia Pogue Account Statements will be provided next meeting.

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 August 2022

Beginning Balance	\$ 4,473.69
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July 2022

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