

**Mt. Lebanon City Council of PTA's
Council Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2023 - 9:00 AM; Jefferson Middle School**

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
 - a. Meeting called to order at 9:02 am by Becki C

2. Approval of Minutes - November 2022
 - a. Motion made by Bonnie D and seconded by Stacie C to approve the minutes with a spelling correction

3. Treasurer's Report – Denis Skorskiy
Unable to attend but sent reports; attached at end

4. Executive Board Reports
 - a. President – Becki Campanaro
 - i. Nov 7 & Dec 5 met with Dr Steinhauer and Mrs. Pessy, MLEA president to talk about the calendar and 10 am start v 2 hour delay
 - ii. Nov 11 meeting w Dr Irvin I was unable to be there bulk of conversation revolved around lockdown that occurred dt incidence near Taco Bell
 - iii. Dec 1 Met w Dr Davis and Secondary presidents topics include Middle States Accreditation (MSA) and 2023-24 School calendar

 - b. Superintendent - Dr. Timothy Steinhauer
 - i. Calendar school board will discuss on Mon Jan 9 then will be published immediately after approval. Draft has not yet been published. Any issues please contact administration or school board directly do not use social media as a valid platform for information
 - ii. 10 am start v 2 hour delay When we were a walking district it wasn't an issue, most neighboring school districts do a 2 hour delay esp to help with busing. It may help alleviate traffic, impact crossing guards. We will need to look at Kindergarten minutes
 - iii. Introduction Amanda Jackson new Vice Principal at JMS came to us from NA and started just before break.
 - iv. Dashboard- we are working on two: a DEI one final touches and going on and it should be up and running soon a Sustainability one goals have been set and will present to the community soon
 - v. Lincoln Gym floor damaged over break dt pipe break. Floor is usable for gym class but not rec basketball. It is an insurance claim and submitted, Lincoln will be getting a new gym floor soon
 - vi. MSA it is the gold standard of education. Dr Davis is a MSA commissioner in the North East and we are looking to get the entire school district accredited not just the HS as we have done in the past

- vii. Parent University will return this year in person on Feb 2 Prior topics have included mindfulness, Math education, Technology, and Scholarships to name a few.
- viii. Middle School Dance at JMS went well had a lot of fun Used PJ the DJ
- ix. Assistant Superintendent for Elementary – Dr. Marybeth Irvin
no report
- x. Assistant Superintendent for Secondary – Dr. Ron Davis
 - 1. MSA- all 10 buildings will go through the process, This is another way to have our program validated. They will most likely send a team to us but no date has been set yet
 - 2. Next Year we are already thinking about course scheduling for new school year Curriculum night is scheduled at HS and we are currently having meetings at the middle schools to help with transitioning to HS
- xi. K-12 Technology Coordinator – Mr. Mike Hladio- current initiatives
 - 1. Publishing video tip of the week comes from questions that he gets asked in emails from students, parents and teachers
 - 2. Webinars for families 4 have been completed. Need to RSVP to get link then they are published on YouTube
 - 3. Remote day follow up- meetings w principals and teachers so it can be used as more than a Covid tool
 - 4. Monthly meet up w principals to highlight teachers that are doing well and ways to make more effective
 - 5. Intervention log 1,186 interventions so far this year impromptu assist is most common this is ahead of the number from last year
 - 6. Focus group meeting is next week
- c. First Vice President – Jean Thomas
 - i. Attended small games of chance training with the county very insightful hopefully we can spread the information to help with fundraisers that occur in schools
- d. Second Vice President – Priya Sukumaran
 - i. No report
- e. Secretary – Kelly Latona
 - i. No report
- f. Historian – Lindi Pastorius
 - i. No report

5. Committee Reports

- a. Reflections – Bonnie sent all entries to regional level about 30 projects this year
- b. Environmental- Shayna going to be a combined effort between HS and elementary and lunch time clubs

6. Old Business

- a. Nominating Committee- was elected last time email will be going out today it includes Foster, WES, HS, Markham and council rep

7. New Business

- a. PPTA meeting is open to all coming up in late January. They need a quorum for a bylaw vote so please try to attend

8. Unit President's Announcements

- a. none

9. Questions for Community Representatives

- a. Mt. Lebanon School Board- Sarah Olbrich and DR Steinhauer
 - i. Superintendent Search we are doing a nationwide search, hired Hazard, Young, Attea to handle. There will be lots of feedback from the community, PTAs and surveys. The hope is to have candidate selection by May so can transition in June. PTA Council will be part of the input group.
 - ii. Teacher Negotiations begin this month it is the largest part of our budget. We are always looking to balance being financially responsible and our teachers. We have hired a chief negotiator which has worked out well in the past
 - iii. Budget next SB meeting we will begin to look at budget
 - iv. Brian McFeeley there is a fundraising effort going right now to raise money for plaques in skywalk for Mr. McFeeley. One of his goals was to connect academics and athletics to benefit the whole student.
 - v. Social Media it is not a place to get accurate information. Questions about calendar, length of Spring break, teacher contracts, why decisions are made are best directed to the administration and School Board not social media
- b. Reports for the following will be posted to the PTA website
 - i. Mt. Lebanon Fire Department Kris Siegert
 - 1. Attached at end
 - ii. Mt. Lebanon Municipality Laura Pace Lilley
 - 1. Vibrant Uptown contractor is not allowed to any other excavating until March or a warm spell. They are bound to make things right. Any concrete that is poured now will need to be redone dt weather and application of salt on it.
 - 2. Police Chief Haberman was installed last night. He has held the interim position since Chief Lauth's retirement.
 - 3. Budget passed no increase in taxes

4. New commissioner Anne Swager Wilson's term length is still pending awaiting info from the county as to length of her term
 5. Winter Market was so successful that we will continue it moving forward instead of Washington Rd Light Up Night but hours may be modified. Beverly Bright Night will continue.
 6. Residents Academy starts Thursday. 30 people plus a wait list
 7. Community Service Award open for nominations
 8. Redo of Municipal Website there are issues like the Police blotter
 9. Snow angels trying to match people who cannot physically and financially pay to clear their snowy sidewalks with community members who can
 10. Tree City is at Howe this year
 11. Bear the new police dog has been employed this week
- iii. Outreach Kaitlyn Campbell
1. Gatekeeper training to pick up on signs of suicide and mental health had some coaches go through training. Paid for by a grant this year. Hoping to teach teachers, & parents dt increase
 2. Talk it Out for MS kids and Wellness Wednesday 4th & 5th graders 3 sessions between Feb and March
 3. Teens Tap In blog where the kids talk about like
 4. RAAPS -teen screening tool for at risk behaviors permission forms went out to MS
 5. Intakes small wait list about 15 right now looking at Feb for new appointments
- iv. Mt. Lebanon Police Department
1. none
- v. Mt. Lebanon Public Library Scott Buchanan
1. All children's and teen library programming will begin next week (week of the 9th), including story times, book clubs, and afterschool STEM and art programming.
 2. We're hosting a Big Kid Read Aloud that will be presented by the Mt. Lebanon High School Book Club. This program will feature book club member reading stories for kids ages 3-6. In the Children's Library Monday, 1/23. Register online.
 3. Jazz in the Library will feature musicians from the Manchester Craftsman's Guild, who will be playing and exploring the history of legendary Black Pittsburgh musicians. For ages 5 and up. Sunday, 2/5. Register online.

10. Adjournment/Announcements

- a. Presidents coffee originally scheduled for Jan 23 has been moved to Jan 30 dt school closed

- b. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Bonnie seconded by Jean. Meeting adjourned at 10:12am

11. Attendance

- a. in person Becki Campanaro, Tim Steinhauer, Kaitlyn Campbell, Ron Davis, Kristen James, Laura Pace Lilley, Kris Siegert, Sarah Shaw, Amanda Jackson, Kristen Weir, Amy Grella, Stacie Carlson, Jean Thomas, Bonnie Dougherty, Mike Hladio, Shayna Bodi, Lorraine May, MaryBeth Irvin, Kelly Latona
- b. On line Breanne Makatche, Lindi Pastorius, Jen Boal, Sarah Olbrich, Angela Ferguson

12. Attachments

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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	\$5,308.00
Expenses to date	\$10.29
Subtotal	\$9,711.40
Not deposited yet	\$205.00*
Checks not cashed yet	\$0.00
Balance to date	\$9,976.40

Georgia Pogue Account	
Beginning Balance	\$18,661.43
Income to date	\$1,767.00
Expenses to date	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$20,428.43
Not deposited yet	\$170.00*
Checks not cashed yet	\$0.00
Balance to date	\$ 20,598.43

* Council and GP dues from Jefferson MS

Financial Health

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

Dues Remittance

Dues pending: Howe ES

Membership Count

School	# of Members
High School	237
Mellon MS	319
Jefferson MS	170
Foster ES	131
Hoover ES	209



Mt. Lebanon Fire Department
555 Washington Rd.
Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228
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Fire Department Update: January 2023

The department responded to 164 calls for the month of December. A significant portion included weather-related calls from the freezing weather. This also includes one vehicle fire, one house fire, one apartment fire, three Carbon Monoxide incidents, and four downed power lines.

We are now responding automatically to critical EMS calls in Mt. Lebanon, in addition to MRTSA. All of the career staff and a large portion of our volunteers are trained EMTs or higher.

If there is still a live tree in your house, it's time for it to go outside. A dried tree can burn up in 30 seconds. An example of this can be found by going to: <https://youtu.be/xr6b9b8FYKk>

If you are using space heaters, PLEASE use them safely. Plug them directly into an outlet, not a power strip. Keep anything that will burn 3 feet away from them.

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.