

**Mt. Lebanon City Council of PTA's
Council Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2023 - 9:00 AM; Mellon Middle School**

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting called to order at 9:02 am by Becki C followed by the Pledge of Allegiance .
Thank you for everyone's flexibility with the meeting change today since Lincoln was not able to host it due to their construction. March 1 meeting is still scheduled for Markham and the April meeting will be held on April 19 at Lincoln. Please note both date and location change for April.
2. Approval of Minutes - January 2023
Motion made by Bonnie D to approve January minutes as written. Motion carries
3. Treasurer's Report – Denis Skorskiy
See attached reports
4. Executive Board Reports
 - a. President – Becki Campanaro
Meetings this month
 1. 1/12 Schoology meeting with Mike Hladio and we discussed sending out his videos in the school's newsletters and posting them to the MTL website
 2. 1/18 PTS council and Unit principals met with Superintendent search committee
 3. Asst Superintendent meetings have switched to quarterly vs monthly so no primary or secondary meeting since last time
 4. President's Coffee 1/30 talked about PTA meeting times for each school and trying to vary the time to allow more families to be able to attend; looking at reinstating the Installation meeting for incoming PTA boards to help make connections. PPTA wants formal PTA training to be done at a state level for executive board members not at a local level. They are holding a training next Wed regarding elections and a summer leadership training July 8. Both are available online more information is available on our PTA Council Facebook page or by emailing Bonnie.
 5. Bonnie is also handing out policy folders to each PTA with a hard copy of Roles, Bylaws, Nominating committee and best practices. Also in the folder is delegate form that each PTA should fill out and return nominating another representative from each PTA to attend the Council meetings so that each unit gets 2 votes at the council meeting. Please turn the form back in so we can add the delegate to the invite list for future council meetings

6. Ascend Lebo focus session was concentrating on mobility, transportation, and access. We are trying to set up a vision, priorities, how to measure success. The municipality would like more feedback from kids not sure best way to get those out to the kids possibly using PTA newsletters to parents that can be shared with the students.
- b. Superintendent - Dr. Timothy Steinhauer
1. Thank you to Dr Wolfson and Mrs. Mahouski for hosting the meeting on short notice and welcome to Mrs. Mahouski the new MMS assistant principal.
 2. Lebo University scheduled for tomorrow Feb 2, we have 11 classes about 109 parents signed up. The sign up is still available online, a reminder is going out today. The presentations will not be recorded this year
 3. Dr Doyle has resigned. We are in the process of finding her replacement
 4. School Calendar for school year 2023-24 was approved by the school board. There is a week long spring break but it does not include the Monday after Easter
 5. The 2 hour delay model was also approved by the SB so when a delay occurs HS and MS will begin at 10 am and elementary will now begin at 10:30am
 6. Teacher contract negotiations have begun
 7. Police dept changes. New chief is Jason Haberman, school district already has a good relationship with him since he did serve as the interim COP, Laura Pace Lilley will be bringing him to the next Council meeting, Scott Kunz will be retiring on Monday
- ii. Assistant Superintendent for Elementary – Dr. Marybeth Irvin
Unable to attend
- iii. Assistant Superintendent for Secondary – Dr. Ron Davis
1. Weapon rumor yesterday at HS was unfounded, collaborated w MTL police dept to investigate
 2. Mindful athlete program by G Munford of Eye of the Hurricane, LLC offered to our Student Athlete Council. It's a 6 week program w book study, virtual conversations, and an in-person meeting. SAC has a rep from each sports team so information presented can return back to each team.
 3. Outreach Partnership for QPR training in MS and HS
 4. Wellness Warriors Partnership to help address student mental health needs specifically teaching coping and life skills to manage stress and anxiety. Its being coordinated by Tara Leja, the counseling chair. A school counselor will be at each meeting
 5. Holocaust Remembrance Day was Jan 27 we had 2 student programs in the HS. One was the story of Edith and Kurt Leuchter,

2 holocaust survivors as told by their daughter Debbie Stueber. The other, because we are a LIGHT school the exhibit Art in The Holocaust is on display in the MinDen for the weeks of Jan 23 and 30.

6. World Religions Day -JMS United student group hosted Rabbi Aaron Meyers from Temple Emanuel on Jan 11 to discuss Jewish traditions and how to address antisemitism. Jan 26 Iman Chris Caras of the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh spoke about the customs and faith of our Muslim students and community
7. 2022 Great Alumni Dr Gayle Kraetsch Hartsough met with HS General Student Council on Jan 26 to talk about leadership skills
8. Course selection window is open for next year's class selection closes on Feb 7

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

1. Continue to meet w principals each month
2. Assisted w virtual author visit that went out to all the elementary students. Went so well that 2 more are now scheduled
3. Trying to reorganize the Schoology support page
4. Focus group? what is a good way to gather parent questions
5. Education opportunities
 - a. HS Curriculum night I was there in person, had lots of parent and student questions
 - b. Presenting at Lebo Univ
 - c. Question about what is Schoology + it is a chrome extension by an outside 3rd party. We are not supporting it at this time

c. First Vice President – Jean Thomas

No report

d. Second Vice President – Priya Sukumaran

No report

e. Secretary – Kelly Latona

No report

f. Historian – Lindi Pastorius

No report

5. Committee Reports

- a. Reflections -Bonnie-email went out to all school newsletter chairs about who moved on. Region level maybe behind because regional person retired
- b. Environmental- Shayna-Earth Day is happening. We are trying to get more schools involved, also looking to partner with local businesses and organizations. Lunch Club at Hoover has partnered w HS. Shayna is willing to partner with any of the 5th Grade Service projects that do not have a project yet on an environmental project

c. Parent educ- Jenn Lebo University is tomorrow

6. Old Business

Nominating Committee met on Jan 29 virtually to consider all candidates for the 2023-24 term of office. On behalf of the nominating committee, the following slate is being presented

President: Becki Campanaro

1st VP: Jean Thomas

2nd VP: Priya Sukumaran

3rd VP: Incoming Superintendent

Treasurer: Denis Skorskiy

Secretary: Kelly Latona

Historian: Lindi Pastorius

Floor is open for any more nominations. None at this time. All positions are for a term of 1 year and someone cannot serve more than 2 terms in the same position.

7. New Business

- a. Folders distributed to all councils with hard copies of pertinent paperwork. If post it is in folder, you need to update your website.
- b. Georgia Pogue Committee is comprised of Council President, Past Council President, Council Rep, Guidance Counselor, HSPTSA President, and HS Rep. This year's council is Becki C, Bonnie D, Jean T, Kelly L, and representation from the HS

8. Unit President's Announcements

- a. Jen Boal- Hoover's 5K registration is open. Race day is June 3

9. Questions for Community Representatives

- a. Mt. Lebanon School Board-Sarah Olbrich
 - i. School board passed a resolution to not go past the set tax index when developing the budget this year
 - ii. Teacher negotiations have started our people make up 80% of the budget
 - iii. Superintendent search- we have had a great response from the community so far. Moving forward we will not be posting applicants names so that applicants can apply without fear of current employers finding out
 - iv. Today is National Girls and Women in Sports
 - v. JMS had 3 students received writing awards participating in a point park university writing contest. Congrats to Marti Weisberg, Finn Geisler, and Ezra Frenie
- b. Reports for the following will be posted to the PTA website
 - i. Mt. Lebanon Fire Department

Report posted

- ii. Mt. Lebanon Municipality
Unable to attend
- iii. Outreach-Kaitlyn Campbell
 - 1. Q(uestion)P(ersuade)R(efer) training is occurring with school personnel. This training is to help work with children who talk about ending their lives. We are currently working with Fire dept and coaches of this season. Police dept training is coming up soon. We would love to do it with PTAs also
 - 2. RAPPS starts in both MS next week and HS March 6
 - 3. Talk it Out at Library we have an intern from Pitt helping us with that program. This is a walk in/drop in program
 - 4. Wellness Wednesday also at MLPL Feb 22, March 1 & 8 for 4th and 5th graders. This one you need to register.
 - 5. Pod cast- Teens Tap In
 - a. Last one was about mental health and sports w Dr Todd Franco and Todd Tomczyk Director of Sports medicine for Pittsburgh Pirates
 - b. Feb 16th parent and teen talk about mental health
 - 6. Intakes we are getting hit hard. We have a wait list currently of about 16. We are creating some groups to help w things like coping skills.
 - 7. Attended Cocoa and Cram at the HS. Exams are very serious and stressful in this school district
- iv. Mt. Lebanon Police Department
Unable to attend
- v. Mt. Lebanon Public Library-Scott Buchanan
 - 1. We are hosting Talk it out Mondays and Wellness Wednesdays with Outreach
 - 2. Board games w Flannery 5th & 6th grade on Mondays start next week-just drop in
 - 3. Teen Art Lab and creation station w Kai Wednesdays and Thurs- feedback from parents in the room are positive
 - 4. Greek Mythology LARP Feb 23- registration required
 - 5. Peeps Diorama contest is coming back
- vi. Adjournment
 - 1. Motion to adjourn made by Amy, seconded by Stacie. Meeting adjourned at 10:15am. Next meeting will be March 1 at Markham

Attendance

on line Jen Boal, Priya Sukumaran, Shayna Bodi, Marisa Hupe

In person Denis Skorskiy, Bonnie Dougherty, Jean Thomas, Scott Buchanan, Ron Davis, Kristen James, Kaitlyn Campbell, Amy Grella, Stacie Carlson, Mike Hladio, Breanne Makatche, Kristen Weir, Sarah Olbrich, Chris Wolfson, Gina Mahouski, Ginny Chambers, Lindi Pastorius, Dr Steinhauer, Becki Campanaro, Lorraine May, Kelly Latona

Report of the Nominating Committee

Name of PTA: Mt Lebanon City Council of PTA

Date: 2/1/2023

The nominating committee met on January 29, 2023 to consider all eligible candidates for the 2023-2024 term of office. On behalf of the nominating committee, I present the following slate of officers for nomination at the February Council PTA meeting.

Position	Name
<u>President</u>	<u>Becki Campanaro</u>
<u>1st Vice President</u>	<u>Jean Thomas</u>
<u>2nd Vice President</u>	<u>Priya Sukumaran</u>
<u>3rd Vice President appointed</u>	<u>Incoming Superintendent</u>
<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Denii Skorskiy</u>
<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Kelly Ladona</u>
<u>Historian</u>	<u>Lindi Pastorius</u>
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Signatures of Nominating Committee:

<u>Danni Cullen</u>	<u>C. Jucker</u>
<u>Jean Thomas</u>	<u>Army</u>
<u>Jay</u>	_____

The report of the Nominating Committee is submitted to the membership prior to the election in accordance with the unit's bylaws. It is also reported at the election meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee must be entered into the minutes and may be posted according to the unit's bylaws and/or rules.

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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	\$5,533.50
Expenses to date	\$10.29
Subtotal	\$9,996.90
Not deposited yet	\$0.00
Checks not cashed yet	\$0.00
Balance to date	\$9,996.90

Georgia Pogue Account	
Beginning Balance	\$18,642.64
Income to date	\$2017.68
Expenses to date	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$20,660.32
Not deposited yet	\$0.00
Checks not cashed yet	\$0.00
Balance to date	\$ 20,660.32

Financial Health

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

Dues Remittance

Dues pending: Howe ES

Documents

- PNC Statement – December 2022
- MTL Credit Union – 4th quarter 2022
- Treasurer statements for PNC and GP accounts

End of report



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Fire Department Update: February 2023

Lieutenants Siegert and Sadowy are currently at the National Fire Academy for a week of training on Youth Fire Intervention Programs. This program reinforces our commitment to helping children to make better choices with firemaking tools and eliminating fire play. This is a program we run with the support of Teen and Family Outreach to screen for mental health issues in children engaging in this behavior and to develop the best plan to help. Being able to team up with mental health professionals for this is not something most communities are fortunate enough to provide.

This time of year we see an increase in Carbon Monoxide incidents in homes. If you have anything at home that runs off of natural gas or wood, please make sure your carbon monoxide detector works, is less than seven years old, and is somewhere that will wake you up in the middle of the night—putting one in the basement will not. If you want more information about smoke or CO alarms, you can go to the fire department website. **If you have a Carbon Monoxide problem, this is an emergency and you should call 911.** We can come out and identify the source and help make it safe.

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.