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- I. Meeting Called to Order - 7:02
- II. Welcome & Updates from Commerce Elementary
  - A. President: Meghan Smith - Color run in September raising over \$40,000. Pink out raised \$600 for Five Points of Hope. Trunk or treat and had about 400 kids come and we had a DJ. Interactive playground was installed.
  - B. Principal: Mr. Ryan West - New principal. 21 years in public education. Day 6 at Commerce so learning everything.
- III. Reading of the Minutes: [9.26.2023](#) Motion to approve, Jessica Maurer. Second by Alison Burke. All in favor. Motion carried.
- IV. Community Reports -
  - A. Foundation for Excellence - Jackie Gurwin - FFE goal is to give money back to teachers. Next month, the grant program will open to teachers. Awards will be given out late January/early February. Tuition expedition will start selling tickets in December. Fundraiser at Urban Air, 10/30/2023. Mr. Maktari from CHS is a new board member. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Jackie Gurwin.

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B. Hospitality House - Susan Erspamer - Executive Director and David Cipriani - grants director. Client choice pantry - clients can shop and are not handed a box of food items. They can pick out items they want and they need. Weekend food programs were piloted at 7-8 schools so 6 meals and 4 snacks to children to have on the weekends. October 2022-2023 numbers have doubled from 700 - 1500 households and about 3500 individuals. They can come twice a month. To date, HH has given out 700,000 pounds of food in a year. Majority of people are from the local area. If anyone wants a tour, just call the pantry and they will give you a tour. In the warehouse, they go through about 50,000 pounds of food a week. They are looking for volunteers in the warehouse and in the front to help shoppers. HH is always looking to food drives and also third party events raising money for HH. HH is always in need of fruit, juice and also personal care. They don't buy it but love to get it donated. They buy food at discounted rates from Gleaners. They get free food from Forgotten Harvest. They make about 400-500 Holiday kits made and you can sponsor one for just \$60. 18 and under can volunteer with parental consent. 13 and under can volunteer but the parent has to be with the student.

### V. Officer Reports

#### A. President - Hillary Glaser

1. Kudos - thank you to Leigh for taking notes. Thank you to everyone involved in the facilities study. Thankful to the PTSA board for ideas today. And thank you everyone reaching out to Hillary about everything going on in the Middle East.
2. [Standards of Affiliation](#) - Presidents have received emails about the Standards. Please complete because you won't be in good standing and won't get to participate in Reflections. Don't forget to pay for your membership dues in Memberhub. As a board, we started thinking about where the disconnect is for some Presidents not updating their standards yet. We have many new Presidents so there may be some questions. We may use you for Dan to help show how to upload. We may make a

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video to show you how. We are happy to help any Presidents who don't know how to upload files, complete an audit or anything. PLEASE reach out to us so you can be a Member in Good standing. December 1st is the due date of the MI PTA dues to align with the standard of affiliation. 501(c)(3) form isn't given out until you are a member in good standing. Form is good from 12/1-11/30 so please get your standards completed so you can get this form which helps with your fundraising.

3. Middle School Presidents - Hillary will reach out to you about maybe coming up with some questions
  4. Vice Presidents - Leigh Shemenski & Dan Monkman - Not much to report for Irene Daniels. Please start thinking about being a judge in March. We need about 10 judges from the community.
- B. Treasurer's Report - Brandi Brendtke - Installation and awards from last year so paid this year. \$550 for P&P breakfast. Budget and audit have been submitted to MI PTA. Call/Text/Email Brandi any questions.

### VI. Chairpeople Reports

- A. Legislative Report - Stacy Brand - WL updates - Safe Schools week. Wednesday, Dr. Bernia Community Conversation with Dr. Bernia at Westacres Clubhouse. Board of Ed meeting on Nov 2nd at 7pm. Michigan PTA updates: Michigan School Meals Program: Keep Collecting the apps and forms - MI PTA says that we still need the free and reduced lunch forms. Districts get federal funding from these forms. MI PTA worked hard to pass a Resolution on Safe Storage of Firearms. MI PTA is looking for a Special Ed parent/PTA member who is interested in representing MI PTA in a statewide Special Education coalition. Sign up for VoterVoice Action alerts so you receive Action Alerts directly whenever they are issued. National PTA updates Support for Families During Difficult times which provides resources to help families and educators have conversations with children to help them deal with emotions. It's family and school safety month and National PTA has teamed up with Kidde and LenelS2 to share info and resources about how to keep your families safe in school and at home. An article about Why are Kids Still Behind in School?

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Their Attendance Remains Abysmal. Kids are falling behind because they are missing so much school. Save the Date! Annual Legislative Conference Marc 5-7, 2024. New Grantees for Statewide Family Engagement Center Program Announced. Final Rule on Community Eligibility. The FRAC applauded the Biden-Harris Admin for expanding community eligibility which allows high-need schools to offer free meals to every single one of their students. October is LGBTQ+ History Month. Let's celebrate! Federal funding has been appropriated and guidance has been issued to states and school districts to improve school-based mental health services and supports. October 24th webinar from Walmart on how PTA's can save on items you need the most.

- B. Teacher's Report - Kathren O'Brien - MS conferences are coming up and the time to sign up was opened in Skyward.
- C. Reflections Report - Torry Yu, Angel Wade, and Sarah Piggott - Start date was October 2nd so entries are coming in and deadline is November 15th. School chairs are getting encouraged to get judges. If anyone has any expertise in the arts and wants to judge, please reach out to your school chair. If you are a reflections chair at a school, don't worry if you aren't getting entries as they will start coming in right before the deadline. Congratulations to Loon Lake with 18 entries so far. Theme is I am Hopeful. Students can also come up with a theme for upcoming years and if they win they get a prize.

### VII. WLCSD Reports

- A. District Report - Dan Durkin - last week, WL schools did a test of our communications (email/text/phone) to see if they worked before our first snow day! Final Community Chat with Dr. Bernia next week. All HS have their plays coming up in the next few weeks. [www.WLCSD.com](http://www.WLCSD.com) to order tickets! Reach out to Dan if you have any questions. Facilities study update - finalizing dates to update the community.
- B. Board of Education Report - Shayna Levin - Accepted Districts annual audit. Closed session on Superintendent goals and also Board and District goals so we know what direction we are heading. On Nov 29, the Board will have a meeting to have a class about how

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to achieve goals. Work together and work on policies to get them up to date and more in compliance to where they need to be.

- C. District Presidents' Updates - Opportunities for Presidents to share anything going on at school and anything to brag about.

Meadowbrook had a trunk or treat and the church donated candy and it was free for all the kids. They had food trucks and a DJ and everyone had a good time. 14,000 pieces of candy were given out! Glengary didn't have a color run and it was going to rain so they condensed the fun run to an hour and the DJ still came and fun was had by the kids. The school community liked it and provided good feedback on it. \$18,600 was raised. Oakley Park sells raffle tickets every year and did make their goal and they can throw a pie into Mrs. Froning's face. Boo Bash is coming up on Friday to celebrate the end of the raffle. MHG had their fun run and surpassed their goal and raised \$22,800! Mr. Hess colored his hair, got color thrown at him, sat on the roof and shaved his head tomorrow! Holiday shop on November 18th from 10-3 at MHG school. Dublin had their first color run on Friday 13th and raised \$40,000 and got to color the principal. Friday is their trunk or treat. Keith hit their fundraising goal so they will reveal what is in the box! They had their Fall Fest on Friday the 13th. WCMS raised \$34,000 on the day of awesomeness. They got half of that and will be used for an outdoor classroom. Celebration was last week in the gym with inflatables and everyone had a great time.

### VIII. New Business

- A. Next Meeting: 11/27 at 7pm - Wixom Elementary

### IX. Open Floor - nothing

- X. Adjournment at 8:37

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