

HS PTSA Meeting
November 28, 2023
Rm D205 1pm
Minutes

- Call to order meeting called to order by Jean T at 1:03pm
- Student activities Report- Brittany Tonkovich
 - She was unable to be here but report given by Mrs. McGinty
 - Holiday Show is coming up Dec 6. We have fewer acts this year and no teacher act. It was revamped to be Lebo's Got Talent v Holiday Show. We need a way to build back up the enthusiasm since it has a tradition over 40 years. Spoke about barriers such as busy student schedules and 3 days of commitment and performers requirement to sell a certain amt of tickets or owe money that may affect graduation. Also encouraged advertising of show in elementary and middle school newsletters.
 - Bocce Tournament Dec 22 -40 teams have signed up it is a cooperative effort with both Life skills and Lebo stars. This is being held as replacement of the Fall Spirit Assembly. Science Dept requesting approval to not have the half day count in day rotation so as not to mess w labs
- Teacher Representative- Mrs. McCracken
 - She was unable to be here but a Good News from the Classroom newsletter was just sent out today. Please refer for information
- Principals Report- Mrs. McGinty
 - Dr Thompson is on FMLA leave until Dec 18 so Mrs. McGinty is covering while he is out. Mrs. McGinty is a recently retired Unit Principal from Mt Lebanon HS who has served in a multitude of rolls during her employment here.
 - Fall school events that have occurred include Evening Theater had a successful production of Winter's Princess, Fall concerts, Fall Sports Recognition was held many of our teams and athletes did well this year including: Girls CC finished 2nd in Wpial and moved on to finish #8 in Paaa, Logan St John Kletter finished as both Wpial and Paaa champion, GSoccer went to Wpials, Girls tennis had 2 teams in Wpial doubles Sophia Cunningham and Sylvie Eriksen, and Jackie Tang and Ellie Tatel. Sophia C and Jackie T both qualified in wpial singles tennis, Maggie Zerenga Finished 5th in Wpial girl's golf.
 - Winter Events include the Holiday Show, upcoming concerts for band Dec 12, orchestra Dec 13, percussion's holiday bells, mallets and drums Dec 15-16
 - Keystones testing will be Literature on Dec 7 & 8 8am starts, Bio Dec 11 & 12, and Algebra Dec 13 & 14 both with 10 am starts.

- Student Outcomes Report- Dr Davis presented at the last school board meeting highlights for this past year include record number of AP exams taken (908) addition of AP Macro and AP Physics 2 recently, will add AP African American studies next year w Mr DiNardo slated to teach, ACT and SAT tests have decreased in number of student's taking exam possibly due to so many colleges staying test optional. Our averages are 610 reading and 588 math
 - New grading system for QPI was approved by the School board this month. Beginning with the incoming freshmen class of 2028 C in an honors and/or AP class will be weighted like an A or B. Thus, a C in academic class will equal 2, in honors class 3, in AP class 3.5
 - Staffing- Mrs. Parsyck- librarian going on sabbatical in spring, Mrs. Passodelis is continuing her leave for the spring, her current sub will cover the full year.
- Treasurer's Report- Allison
 - Outgoing check for faculty breakfast and to Mrs. Smith (Library)
 - Incoming – membership is still trickling in.
 - We still have \$300 in teacher's wish list fund but at least it will roll over for next year. Question posed about being able to attend meeting w the dept supervisors to help disseminate the information that we (PTA) have money to spend
- Executive Committee Reports
 - President- Jean not much going on. We meet with Dr Davis soon, most of the information from this month's council meeting has been addressed including appointment of Assistant Superintendent for Elementary. Received a thank you letter from Mt Lebanon library for donation
 - 1st VP- Bonnie- nothing
 - 2nd VP – Colleen no report unable to attend due to illness
 - 3rd VP- Carol still looking for volunteers for holiday show
 - 4th VP- Principal- see above
 - Secretary- Kelly- Minutes need to be approved. No changes noted, minutes will be filled as submitted.
 - Historian- Natalie- no report
- Committee Reports
 - **Class Breakfast Chairs**- still need Sophomore class. Responsibilities help cook breakfast for class. Carol R volunteered
 - **Prom**- Laura Tuefel volunteered. She will need another person to cochair w her.
 - **Reflections**- Ben Dougherty reported by Bonnie- 2 people entered w music composition projects. Both will move on to regional because State PTA removed the council level to give all the same opportunities since so few councils exist.
 - **College Greeter**- wrapped up since college reps are now in process of reading applications v promoting their schools

- **Newsletter**- Jamie- 2 per month are going out. A student name noted to be misspelled should read Charlotte Luo in the Model UN report.
- SRO Report- Officer Henley unable to be here but will be retiring in August. His position is posted through the MTL Police Dept.
- Old Business- none
- New Business-
 - No wish list requests this month
 - Question posed about funding for Pulse magazine- Jean to follow up w Colleen
 - Canceled Dec meeting since no other MTL PTA holds a meeting in Dec
- Announcements
 - Next meeting will be held Tues January 23 1pm
 - Meeting adjourned 2:22pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Latona, Secretary

Attendance

Bonnie Dougherty
Kelly Latona
Elizabeth Schwertfuehrer
Carly McGinty
Natalie Kukla
Carol Rossetti
Jean Thomas
Allison Carey