

# Mt Lebanon School PTSA General Meeting

February 20, 2024 D205 1pm

## Minutes

- Call to Order by Jean T at 1:00pm
- Introduction of Officer Bileck/ SRO Report New SRO for the HS taking over for Officer Henley due to retiring in August. Ofc Bileck has served for 20 years in MTLPD working on traffic, DUIs, and teaching. He will be filling the same role that Ofc Henley held
- Student Activities Report- Brittany Tonkavich
  - Snowball went well had 650 kids. Used Powerschool for forms had a few issues but we have them resolved
  - Blood Drive saw increased participation- we have had a great number of parent volunteers recently for both blood dr and snowball which is great thank you
  - National Honor Society- March 1 deadline for volunteer hours, March 8 is application deadline. Opportunity for hours are posted on our website. We are aware of powerschool issue not syncing hours of in school v out of school on student end but it seems that admin side is working
  - Class of 2025 officer election will be soon
  - Class Breakfasts in April-email went out looking for parent volunteers and Food services will be contacted this week
  - Prom- Theme has been voted on winner is “24K gold” to mirror class of 2024. Parent Volunteers will be needed esp underclassman parents for decorating. We should be able to start decorating at 1pm. Request for volunteers will go out in schoolwide newsletter not just PTA blast so more people will see it
- Teacher Rep- Mrs. McCracken- nothing new since last news from the classroom this week. She will remind teachers about PTA money that is available
- Treasurer’s Report- Allison- unable to be here  
Jean reports that only 1 check went out to Mrs. Dederer for Lit Mag Pulse
- Executive Committee Reports
  - President’s Report- Jean meetings since last time include
    - PTA Council Meeting- Ofc Henley reported about increased concern and traffic issues in the GO Zones
    - Secondary Presidents w Dr Davis topics included retirements (Ross JMS, Marino MMS, Hogenmiller HES, Salvador JES); HR Director position still open currently being filled by the 2 asst superintendents, New Communication Director is Brandi Smith from NA; Budget cycle and staffing for next year are starting; Grants are pending for school safety and Mental

health; PASCH German language program, Cum Laude Society 80 candidates will be inducted; IXL in the classroom, Juul settlement has come in to the district but limitations on what it can fund

- 1<sup>st</sup> VP Report-Bonnie
  - International Parents Group- also presented at PTA Council meeting Mary Klaber and Teresa Woodward spoke about connecting international parents w each other and to the school to help with transition and connection. Asked about a back to school international orientation to address topics such as how school is structured, US holidays, days off, how to communicate w teachers etc. Dr. Friez seemed receptive to the idea of holding 1-2 districtwide not at individual schools
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report- Colleen – nothing
- 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Report- Carol- nothing
- 4<sup>th</sup> VP- Dr Thompson-
  - Curriculum night (Feb 1) was well attended esp by rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - Class selection window is now closed. We use those numbers to determine staffing for next year
  - Snowball (Feb 3) Thank you to everyone who helped chaperone
  - Winter sports teams doing well Rifle took 5<sup>th</sup> in WPIAL Our Girls' wrestling team had a great first year, with a number of wrestlers finishing ranked in the WPIAL. Paige Jox finished 2nd, Ester Ward finished 4th, and Sophia Beanner and Vi Phillips finished 6th. All qualified for District championships on March 2 at Canon McMillian. The boys' wrestling Individual WPIAL Championships are March 1 and 2nd at Canon McMillian. The swimming WPIAL Championships are on February 29 and March 1 at Trees Hall at the University of Pittsburgh. Girls' basketball's first round is this Thursday, and boys' is on Friday, both at home.
  - Winter sports recognition night will occur on Mar 12, 2024.
  - Spring sports begin March 4.
- Secretary- Kelly- we need to approve the minutes from last month. No corrections noted. Approved as written
- Historian- Natalie no report. Jean mentioned that Council PTA is in process of setting up Google Workspace at council level. It will be brought to local level so individual emails/ accounts won't have to be used in future.
- Committee/Chair Reports
  - Class Breakfast Chairs- Bonnie- volunteer sign up is out, food services to be contacted this week
  - Staff Appreciation- Bonnie- Dr Thompson please pick a date so we can plan
  - Technology- Elizabeth -will update the few things noted by Jean

- Old Business- None
- New Business
  - Wish List – no items
  - Bylaws amendment- amendment came up on state after our bylaws were approved to be added in, no vote necessary. Clarifies length of officer's tenure to be 1 year or until a ~~success~~ successor is found
  - Awards- Please let Bonnie know of anyone who may be nominated for PTA lifetime achievement award or for student Visionary award.
  - Nominating committee- have not met in person yet but have begun background work reaching out to all current board members. Slate should be in place for March meeting
- Announcements
  - Next meeting March 12 1pm
  - Adjourned 1:46pm

#### Attendance

Kelly Latona  
Jean Thomas  
Elizabeth Schwertfuehrer  
Laura Teufel  
Brittany Tonkavich

Natalie Kukla  
Carol Rossetti  
Bonnie Dougherty  
Joel Thompson  
Officer Bileck