

Mt Lebanon HS PTSA General Meeting

December 5, 2024 1pm Library Conference Room

Minutes

- I. Call to order-meeting called to order by Jean at 1:01pm
- II. Student Activities Report- Mrs. Tonkavich out today Dr Thompson will address some activities later in meeting
- III. Teacher Representative- Mrs. McCracken- out sick but recent teacher report was published in PTSA newsletter including Wind Ensemble performance at Pittsburgh Film Festival from Mr. McCutcheon, Mr. Kuskil report about Food Drive and Mrs. Kramer report about FBLA increase in size and some of their fundraising efforts
- IV. Treasurer's Report-Bonnie
 - a. Current balance is \$16, 486.83, checks are caught up except for check to the state for an award pin from last year.
 - b. State dues, council dues and Georgia Pogue paid = \$115 money to Pulse, Devil's Advocate and faculty breakfast have been paid no other outstanding bills at this time
 - c. Line option changed from bank fees to credit card fees since we do not have bank fees but do have costs associated with credit card payments
 - d. Refiled tax exemption status paperwork but haven't heard back
- V. Executive Reports
 - a. President- Jean Secondary Presidents met w Dr Davis spoke about
 - i. AI-HS staff did a class so everyone is on same page, email went out to students and Parents about Genesis use in school;
 - ii. Flexible Instruction days email went out to parents it can vary school by school and camera use is up to teacher discretion.
 - iii. Draft school calendar was sent out to community and feedback due today
 - iv. Both middle schools are doing musicals this year MMS Wizard of OZ and JMS Frozen Jr
 - b. 1st VP- Marisa- unable to attend but sent report. We currently have 289 members 203 individual and 86 students. It is 1 less than last month bc 1 membership was refunded bc they signed up twice
 - c. 2nd VP Elizabeth – unable to attend
 - d. 3rd VP Carol- difficulty getting volunteers recently esp for Lebo's got Talent
 - e. 4th VP Dr Thompson-see attached report.

- i. Dr Mincemoyer reviewed new approach to class selection that will occur this year. The change is in regard to opting into classes that are not initially recommended.
 - ii. Question about Unit principal job is being advertised again. We are looking for the right person for the job
 - iii. Question about intramural sports. It wasn't budgeted for this year, an email survey went out to 6-12 graders from Dr Davis in Oct to gauge interest and minimal response with even less interest noted. Due to lack of interest it was not being pursued any further. Brought up idea of possibly having open gym time during winter vs organized teams to allow for the opportunity to participate
 - f. Secretary- Kelly- We need to approve the October minutes since we did not have a meeting in November. No changes noted, minutes approved as written.
 - g. Historian Natalie- nothing at this time
- VI. Committee/ Chair Reports
 - a. Class Breakfast Chairs- Sophomore class chair is needed
 - b. Prom Chair – still needed- lots of people said they would help but no one to chair yet
 - c. Reflections 2 literature, 2 photo, and 1 music competition were submitted from HS judging should take place in Jan
- VII. Old Business- none
- VIII. New Business-
 - a. Wish lists no new requests, still awaiting camera receipt and information about knife sharpener. approx. \$2,270 in class enrichment fund
 - b. Question raised about who/ what gets featured in Yearbook followed by discussion about not school sponsored yet student activities that may get featured in yearbook, ex Devil's Den and Medallion Ball
- IX. Announcements
 - a. Next meeting is Thursday Jan 9 at 1pm
- X. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 2:18pm motion made by Jean to adjourn, seconded by Kelly all in favor

Attendance

Bonnie Dougherty, Jean Thomas, Natalie Kukla, Carol Rosetti, Dr Thompson, Dr Mincemoyer, Kelly Latona

Principal's Report

Fall Sports recognition held on November 14- Excellent season for a number of teams and individuals including our girls' tennis team who, in addition to being WPIAL Team champions, also had the WPIAL doubles champions, Jackie Tang and Michelle Yang. Jackie and Michelle went on to be the runner ups in the state doubles championship.

Lebo's Got Talent Holiday show occurred last evening (December 4) and was a great success. The show featured 17 student acts and 1 video of auditions from teachers that didn't make the cut. Each act selected a charity that they performed for in hopes of being the best act in the show. The audience selected Lucian Mikush as the best act. Lucian selected the Cancer Research Institute to receive a donation. There was also a critics choice award which went to Mira's Band who selected the Nature Conservancy as their charity of choice.

The school year continues to progress forward with our winter events and activities in full swing. We look forward to the numerous arts, musical, and athletic events upcoming in December. Upcoming is the orchestra concert (Dec 10), band concert (Dec 12), and Percussion Ensemble Concert (December 13-14).

Keystone testing time is in full swing. In order to facilitate the tests we will hold 10:00 starts for non-testers December 9-12. Testers should report at 8:00 AM.

Test Name	Testing Dates	Start Time for Test Takers	Start Time for Non-test Takers
Literature	December 4 & 5	8:00am	8:00am
Algebra I	December 9 & 10	8:00am	10:00am
Biology	December 11 & 12	8:00am	10:00am

The Pennsylvania Department of Education released the Future Ready Index information which includes testing information for the 2023-24 school year. The Keystone scores are for the Class of 2025 cohort.

Algebra I- 83.1% Prof/Adv
Biology- 86.3% Prof/Adv
Literature- 92.5% Prof/Adv

	Algebra I	Biology	Literature
Comparator ranking (15 total)	2	3	4
State Ranking	8	9	13

One academic subgroup that did very well was our students with IEP,s who were first in the state for Biology, third for Literature, and fourth for Algebra I

We are excited to share an update about the upcoming course selection process for the next academic year. Starting this January, our online course selection system will be enhanced to provide a smoother and more transparent experience for students and families, particularly regarding courses that require teacher recommendations.

With this update, students will have a clear view of the courses they've selected and the opportunity to override a teacher recommendation—if they choose—before the course selection window closes. This improvement eliminates the need for students to be removed from classes they were not recommended for and then go through the override process to return to the class.

Our goal is to make course selection more student-centered and efficient, empowering students to make informed decisions about their academic journey while ensuring the process is intuitive.