

Mellon Middle School PTA Meeting
March 11, 2020
8:45 a.m.

1. Call to Order
at 8:49am with the pledge of Allegiance Moiria Aulbach
2. Approval of the February 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes Kelly Latona
With spelling correction of Priya's name
3. Treasurer's Report Allison Carey
From last month (January) only \$16.95 spent for copies. So far this month we have brought in \$140 deposit of cash for 8th grade rec, cultural arts payment went out and payment to Mr Mikesell for 6th grade motivation item that was requested.

Faculty Representative
6th Grade Science:

Amanda Saxman

Mellon's first ever Science Bowl team did a terrific job at the regional competition on Saturday. Way to go Eleanor Bartley, Lizzie Hepps, Jack Kraemer, and Ellie Reinhart. Science Rules!! Mrs. Nordmann and Mrs. Sabram were their coaches.



6th Grade Literature:

Team Locomotion students are reading the novel *Crossover* by Kwame Alexander. Because this novel is written in verse, we are beginning a poetry unit. This is the first time that 6th grade is reading this novel.

8th Grade Spanish:

Senora Gloss and Senora Battista will be taking the 8th grade Spanish students on our annual Gateway Clipper Spanish dinner cruise on Tuesday May 26, 2020.

This is offered for 8th grade only to celebrate their last year of Spanish here at Mellon. The field trip is from 5:30 to 9:30 pm and will require parent transportation.

The cost this year is \$38 for dinner, a live band, dancing and a 3-hour cruise. And it is optional, of course.

More information to follow next week so be on the look-out.

Supply Closet Requests:

- Clear tape refills for desktop tape dispensers
- Lined paper
- Large binders (2")
- Glue sticks
- White art paper

Link to the spreadsheet for staff:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1axXS8sU56c_IgBLaMmlu8VvRZ8buwc4TR7nwzKbSFjQ/edit?usp=sharing

4. Executive Committee Reports

a. President's Report

Moira Aulbach

President's Report:

- PTA Council Community Service Project with SHIM again this year. It will take place from March 23-27. Mellon will be collecting Cereal and Oatmeal. Boxes will be placed at the entrance of school. Please encourage your kids to bring in cereal and oatmeal for SHIM!
- PTA Council Meeting – 3/4 – See Council Delegate Report. The next Council meeting scheduled is the Installation Meeting and Breakfast at the HS at 9am. All new officers will be invited to attend. April 29 is the breakfast for all new officers and outgoing officers.
- MTLSD under Dr. Steinhauer's direction is pulling together a community committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. He sent out an email last week talking about this committee and asked interested parties to fill out a survey to become a member. I encourage you to join if you are interested in or concerned about these issues.

- Coronavirus – the District is in daily contact with the CDC and the ACHD. There is information on the virus on the main page of the District website. Deanna Hess said that the nurses all know what the symptoms are of the virus. She asked everyone to pay attention to their hygiene. A question was asked about allowing people to self-report if they have the virus on the website.
- No meeting with Dr. Davis since the January meeting.
- Meeting with the School Board scheduled for March 23 at 7pm. Any questions or concerns you may have, please forward them to me and I will make sure that they are presented to the School Board.
- Box Tops – report by Linda Harrold.
- Staff Appreciation – week of May 4; luncheon on May 8. Stephanie Nardiello and Mandy Mitchell are working on this. They are asking for donations of food – store bought or homemade – sides and salads would be great. Cases of water will be needed as well.

b. First VP's Report
None

Elizabeth Schwertfuehrer

c. Second VP's Report

Diane Rattay

Right after next meeting April 1 we are working on having the MTLFD here to do Stop the bleed program.

d. Third VP's Report

Chris Wolfson

1. Coronavirus is ongoing. District page is up on website please refer for information. Mr Hammer is cleaning like crazy. The district is in daily contact with Health dept re Coronavirus. We have a plan in place to use Flexible Instruction Days if we need to implement them. As per current state law we can do up to 5 days of FID after that we will have to see. District technology dept is trying to determine how to roll this out in regard to kids not having computers/Wifi at home.

2. Tour company for 8th grade DC trip has sent out email about the trip basically addressing trip insurance. Basically call customer service to see if you didn't pay for trip insurance initially if it is still an option. Trip is slated for May for Mellon and as of right now we are going. Jefferson is slated to go around Spring break in April.

e. Secretary's Report

Kelly Latona

We received a Thank you note from Mrs Evalgelista's class for the donuts they received as a prize from being a winning homeroom in the box top collections

f. Historian's Report

Linda Harrold

None

5. Committee Reports

a. Council Delegate

Natalie Kukla

Steinhauer, Deanna Hess spoke

District updated policy for process of students/family out of country

****Hygiene****

Custodial staff refresh on cleaning

Antibacterial soap doesn't work on virus

If shut school a week, OK, use flex Ed days... Address this when get there

Crosswalk HS lighting above, in-ground

Interview now for Markham principal and JMS Asst Principal

Continued issues so developing Diversity committee

SB: budget mtgs 3/11 7pm

FD: during PSSA work life skills

Summer of 13 is when need watch, keep kids busy!

PD: internet, social media life 360app tracks phone

In middle school focus on digital footprint

Vaping 7th grade class

Recommend watch Netflix Broken episode 2, docudrama vaping

Library: global beat is back, learning lab done and in use, peep dioramas due 16th

PTA calendars underway, due to Jeanine

b. 8th Grade Recognition

Working w Nolen to get prices and seems better than last year prices for food but not enough donations to do Kona ice yet. Maybe find a rep from each feeder school to be on committee to help get word out for donations next year. Pool cost is extremely high maybe don't rent pool next year. Cost is \$705 this year for pool.

c. Community Service

Food Drive for SHIM Mellon is collecting cereal and oatmeal. More details in presidents' report

d. Corporate Rewards

Linda Harrold

Box tops \$108 awarded from collection bringing total to \$145.80 since not doing we will need to adjust budget for next year since box top will no longer an option.

6. Old Business

none

7. New Business

a. Election of Officers

Thanks to Diane for heading up nominating committee

- Having received no nominations from the floor at the February 12th meeting or in the 2 weeks following the nominations, the nominations are closed as of February 26, 2020 and the election is uncontested. The candidates for the 2020-2021 Mellon Executive Board are:

- President: Moira Aulbach
- 1st Vice President: Kiersten Lane
- 2nd Vice President: Diane Rattay
- Treasurer: Soncerae Yeager
- Secretary: Kelly Latona
- Historian: Linda Harrold

When the election is uncontested, we can vote on the entire non-contested slate by casting one voice vote for all candidates. Motion made by Elizabeth S and 2nd by Linda Harrold.

8. Adjournment

10:02am