

Mellon Middle School PTA Meeting
November 10, 2021
8:45 a.m.
MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 8:55 *Jen Larence*
2. Approval of the October 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes *Katie Shaw*

We did not have enough people at the meeting to approve the minutes – they will be approved at the January meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report *Jen Larence for Soncerae Yeager*
 - The Executive board reviewed the PTA budget. Balance is currently \$9,259 and we are on budget.
 - Expenses this month included Membership Toolkit, Council Dues, Georgia Pogue, Water Filler, Writing Lab, Headphones, Hot Coca Cups, Welcome back Breakfast, and Liability Insurance.
4. Faculty Representative *Amanda Saxman*
 - Ms. Saxman said that most of her announcements are in the Mellon Memo.
 - There is Cross Age tutoring but no one is signed up yet (including high school students).
 - Ms. Saxman will remind teachers that the PTA can publicize any fundraisers they have for their activities.
5. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. President's Report *Jen Larence*
 - We are looking for Nominating Committee from the 4 feeder schools. This committee will be helping fill any opens positions on our PTA board. If interested, please contact Jen directly. We will be naming the nominating committee at the January meeting.
 - The Secondary PTA presidents met with Dr. Davis. The district is currently working on the Markham-Mellon Analysis. Two Tons of Powdery Substance has been spread to help maintain

Mellon field. The Sexual Harassment and Title IV policies are being reviewed.

b. First VP's Report *Heather Boylan Clark*
Nothing to report

c. Second VP's Report *Elizabeth Schwertfuehrer*
Nothing to report

d. Third VP's Report *Chris Wolfson*

- Mellon recently had its review with the Schools to Watch Committee – the meeting went well and we should know the outcome soon.
- In early November, the students were placed in their Advisory Groups which will meet weekly. They will be working on different issues throughout the year including diversity and inclusion issues.
- Unfortunately, the Washington, DC Trip for 8th graders is not happening this year.
- The Mellon store is open currently but there are no hot drinks for the time being. Rules are being created and parent volunteers may be needed moving forward.
- The Google Chat feature has been disabled across the district.
- Mr. Wolfson introduced Mellon's new nurse, Samantha DeFurio. She will accept donations to the nurse's office and is always in need of things like saltines and pretzels, ginger ale, travel size deodorant, etc. This information and requests for donations will be posted in the Mellon Memo.

e. Secretary's Report *Katie Shaw*
No report

f. Historian's Report *Natalie Kukla*
No report

6. Committee Reports

a. Council Delegate *Katie Shaw*

- There will be a Parent University this year in the spring. Parents will be asked for suggested topics.

- The DEI task force has put out an inclusivity calendar in hopes of building awareness for faculty, staff, and kids.
- There will be a safety & security community conversation on November 10 in the High School's fine arts theater. The evening will be videotaped for later viewing.
- The District will hold a vaccine clinic for kids 5-11.
- The high school hosted a state student council conference in early November with more than 600 kids from across the state attending.
- The Library has book bundles again and they continue to be fine-free. Classes continue to be in in person and virtual.

b. Reflections

We had 7 entries total at Mellon this year. All have been judged and will move on to the Council level for the next round of judging.

Music Composition: Addison Alexander 1st place, Elora Tighe 2nd place

Literature: Molly Bozick 1st place

Visual Art 2-D: Arshavir Pradhan 1st place

Photography Ben Mares 1st place Ben Mares 2nd place

Film Production Ben Mares 1st place

c. Book Fair

Elizabeth Schwertfuehrer

The book fair was held on November 3rd and it went well. We have not received the financial information from Scholastic. The principal's selection sold out.

d. Career Day

Jen Larence

This Friday and will be held virtual again this year. Guidance office is handling this event. No PTA help is further needed.

e. Odyssey of the Mind

Jen Larence

Mellon has two teams this year. One is all 6th graders and one has 6, 7th, and 8th graders. They will do their chosen problem in March. Hope to have more information for this in future Mellon Memos.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

None

9. Adjournment at 9:55 a.m.

Attendance

Jen Larence

Amanda Saxman

Elizabeth Schwertfuehrer

Natalie Kukla (by Zoom)

Katie Shaw

Chris Wolfson