

# Mellon Middle School PTA Meeting

April 6, 2022

8:45 a.m.

## Minutes

1. **Call to Order at 8:50** **Jen Larence**
  
2. **Approval of the March 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes** **Katie Shaw**  
Meeting minutes approved.
  
3. **Treasurer's Report** **Jen Larence for Soncerae Yeager**
  - The current balance is \$11,000. Last month's expenses included payment to the District's instrument fund (\$50). Money is being raised for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade end of year party and for staff appreciation.
  - We have bought mints for teachers to distribute during testing.
  - Other approved expenses include polaroid film for Ms. Norman, hot chocolate cups for Mrs. Armenta, and feminine products for the bathroom.
  - The Executive Board will meet this Friday to draft the budget for the 2022-2023 school year.
  - We did approve a 10-pack of calculators for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade teams. Planning to parents to donate their 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade calculators to the school after they are done.
  
4. **Faculty Representative** **Amanda Saxman**  
The bios in the Mellon Memo are going well. She reminded people that donated supplies can be sent in with the kids or dropped off in the office.
  
5. **Executive Committee Reports**
  - a. **President's Report** **Jen Larence**
    - Jen continues to meet with the Technology department re: training on Schoology. Parents will eventually get trained.
    - The PTA Secondary Presidents recently met with Dr. Davis:
      - MTLEFoundation is having a pickleball tournament to raise money.
      - PSSA are coming at the end of April.
      - The District is working hard to keep staffing consistent and to make sure staff know they are appreciated. Teachers would love to have more substitutes available as well as updated laptops.
      - The speaker series is back.
    - One of Mellon's Odyssey of the Mind Teams is placed 7<sup>th</sup> at the State competition. Congratulations to all those who participated.
  
  - b. **First VP's Report** **Heather Boylan Clark**

Nothing to report.

- c. **Second VP's Report** **Elizabeth Schwertfuehrer**  
Elizabeth will get details on the Speaker Series to share.
- d. **Third VP's Report** **Lorien Moyer**
- The school will have its last Advisory on April 19.
  - The Pittsburgh Ballet did three assemblies for the students. The length of the assemblies was perfect and it was interactive. Dr. Moyer thanked the PTA for the funds.
  - Dr. Moyer and Dr. Shaw (at Jefferson) are working on a speaker for opening day next year.
  - Concert season coming – we will be having in-school concerts for the students as well.
- e. **Secretary's Report** **Katie Shaw**  
Nothing to Report.
- f. **Historian's Report** **Natalie Kukla**  
Nothing to Report.

## 6. Committee Reports

- a. **Council Delegate** **Jen Larence for Katie Shaw**
- Jen is looking for someone to do this next year. There was no Council meeting this month.

## 7. Old Business

**Jen Larence**

- The PTA is planning for the 8<sup>th</sup>-grade recognition event on June 1 on the Mellon field and in the auditorium. Fundraising will continue and the 8<sup>th</sup>-grade parents will also be asked for donations via the Mellon Memo. Excess money goes to the high school student activities account (for the class of 2016).
- Staff appreciation will be every Friday during the month of May. Committee chairs will ask all parents for donations through the Mellon Memo. This is a nice way for parents to show appreciation for the teachers.
- Mints – will have a breakdown of how many mints each teacher needs. Jen bought the mints at Sam's Club.

## 8. New Business

- a. Committee Chairs – can we get a list of what committees are open?
- i. The PTA needs new chairs for some of the committees. Please contact Jen if you want to be involved.
  - ii. Spirit Wear – Jen asked about getting the kids involved in one of the designs? Consider adding magnets or stickers (HS students can make these but they need the funding).
  - iii. Staff Appreciation
  - iv. Welcome Committee – new committee for next year.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

**Attendees**

Jen Larence

Katie Shaw

Amanda Saxman

Lorien Moyer

Elizabeth Schwertfuehrer

Natalie Kukla

Heather Boylan Clark

Gillian Stohner