

Mellon Middle School PTA Meeting  
May 2, 2022  
8:45 a.m.

1. **Call to Order at 8:48a.m.** **Jen Larence**
  
2. **Approval of the April 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes** **Katie Shaw**  
Meeting minutes approved.
  
3. **Treasurer's Report** **Jen Larence for Soncerae Yeager**
  - The current balance is \$13,789. This includes deposits for staff appreciation and 8<sup>th</sup> grade recreations which is why the balance is higher than normal. We predict we'll have between \$6500 - \$7500 from this year to carry over. April expenses included money for the ballet assembly, feminine supplies for the bathroom, and deodorant for nurses and gym teachers (to give to kids who have forgotten their deodorant).
  - The PTA Executive Board drafted the budget for the 2022-2023 school year.
    - The draft budget was presented to the PTA and it will sit over the summer. The 2022-2023 PTA budget will be voted on during the September meeting in the fall.
  
4. **Faculty Representative** **Jen for Amanda Saxman**
  - Amanda reached out to Jen re: bathroom supplies for girls' bathrooms as the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor bathroom is empty. Jen will take care of restocking it now but will talk with the Lifeskills class about restocking it next year. Commonwealth Press donated a large box of feminine hygiene supplies to the school
  
5. **Executive Committee Reports**
  - a. **President's Report** **Jen Larence**
    - The secondary PTA Presidents met with Dr. Davis – the school is very appreciative to the parents that jumped in and helped during the Disney trip at the beginning of April. The school will work on ways to improve the trip in four years.
    - The different departments are reviewing the curriculum for the school.
    - At the last School board meeting, one or two parents questioned certain books that are in the schools' libraries. Jen advised that the PTA may be asked to review these books.
  
  - 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**

**Lorien Moyer**

- Thanked the PTA for the mints for PSSA testing.
- The school's Curriculum in Action night is May 11. The administration will email a memo to parents describing that night. Students are encouraged to bring their devices to show parents some of their work.
- There are various band and choral concerts in May.
- There will be move-up days for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders in our elementary schools. Certain 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>-grade students have been asked to participate in a training program called Natural Helpers and will help the teachers during those move-up days.
- Schools to Watch – we have set a tentative date for the assembly – Friday, May 20. This is an afternoon assembly, which the PTA has attended in the past (kids and district staff will also be in attendance). The PTA will order cookies for a reception following the assembly for the teachers, district staff, and Schools to Watch employees.

e. **Secretary's Report**

**Katie Shaw**

Nothing to Report.

f. **Historian's Report**

**Natalie Kukla**

Nothing to Report.

6. **Committee Reports**

a. **Council Delegate**

**Katie Shaw**

- Jen is looking for someone to do this next year. There was no Council meeting this month.

7. **Old Business**

**Jen Larence**

Nothing to Report

8. **New Business**

- a. The PTA discussed the various ways to get the word out to middle school students about school and club sports tryouts/meetings. The Mellon Memo is one way to distribute the information and the district's website is another way.
- b. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rec Committee has raised over \$2000 in addition to the money given by the PTA. On June 1 from 11 – 3:00, there will be a movie, bingo, arts/crafts, a DJ, a photo booth, etc. Excess money goes to the high school student activities account (for the class of 2026). The committee is asking for parent volunteers to help.

- c. Staff Appreciation – The parents have been very generous this year and so far, more than \$4000 has been raised. PTA has \$500 set aside for this event. Staff appreciation will take place every Friday during the month of May.
    - o On May 6, 2022, every staff member will receive a \$30 Totopo gift card.
    - o May 13, 2022, Uptown Coffee will be serving cookies, coffee, and a five-dollar gift card for each staff member.
    - o On May 20, 2022, Nothing Bundt Cakes will be delivering Bundtinis for the staff to enjoy; and
    - o On May 26, 2022, Lebo Subs will be catering lunch
  - d. Jen Larence nominated incoming Treasurer, Carrie Reighard, to perform our audit this year. The nomination was approved.
  - e. Jen asked for committee chairs for the 2022-2023 school year, particularly for the Spirit Wear Committee. Jen would like to ask Commonwealth Press to provide the Spirit Wear shirts and sweatshirts next year.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

**Attendees**

Jen Larence  
Katie Shaw  
Lorien Moyer  
Elizabeth Schwertfuehrer  
Natalie Kukla  
Mary Klaber  
Jenn Burich