

Mellon Middle School PTA Meeting

March 8, 2023

8:45am

Minutes

**Call to Order 8:45am**

Jen Larence

**Approval of the January 2023 Minutes**

Motion made by Jen Larence, seconded by Elizabeth Schwertfuhrer to approve minutes as written

**Treasurer's Report**

Carrie Reighard

- Balance \$10,622.03
- Spending less than budgeted on the year, book fair and donations came in higher than predicted. Just wrote checks approx \$600 for assembly and will spend approx \$400 on water bottle filler
- Money left to spend, some teams send their funds, others have not. Nurse was provided supplies again.

**Faculty Representative**

Amanda Saxman

Reminded teams and faculty to submit requests.

**Executive Committee Reports**

**President's Report**

Jen Larence

- Historically membership numbers were nearly double, we have money to spend BUT next year could be slim, so wise to plan accordingly, maybe pre-pay for assemblies or items now with surplus?
- Spend time on the phone with PA PTA rep learning about Member Hub (it is free!) and it is very comparable to the Membership Toolkit. Suggests switching to it and saving \$400+ (\$4K districtwide)

**1st VP**

Heather Boylan Clark

Nothing to report

**2nd VP**

Elizabeth Schwertführer

Nothing to report

**3rd VP**

Chris Wolfson

Continue to use Schoology and share Mr. Hladio's tips, will phase out Smore newsletter. Schoology is quickest way to send e-blast, happy to post items for PTA when needed, but please do not format/fancy font Thanks to PTA for paying for the upcoming assembly on the 16th. The 24th is the end of the 3rd quarter.

Spring break will be Wed noon dismissal, with Thur, Fri and Mon off (April 5-10)

Upcoming testing dates: PSSA Eng 4-24/25/26, Math 5-2/3, Sci 5-4/5; Alg 1 Keystone 4-23/24

Curriculum Night May 10th @7pm, 2pm dismissal for students

Upcoming concerts: Orch 5/18, Chorus 5/23, Band 6/1; 8th grade rec 6/2

**Secretary**

Natalie Kukla

Send 2 sympathy cards; received thank you cards from Katie Graybill and from Nurse DeFurio

**Historian**

Gillian Stohner

Sending out YER requests

**Committee Reports:**

**Council Delegate**, Kristan Weir

Meeting 3-1-23 at Markham: remind nom Comm that President and Treasurer are required positions to fill April 30th Earth Day would like schools involved; election process of PTA Council Board is underway; Notation made regarding number of students at Charter schools and at Waterfront Learning as online options; costs associated with each, how to integrate any of those students back into the classroom when desired, range of reasons for these choices are varied.

**8th Grade Rec**, Jen Larence on behalf of committee

Spirit Nights going well, great fundraisers, Chipotle, Lebo Subs, Kona Ice and Totopo. Committee on track to fundraise enough they should not need to ask for donations.

**Staff Appreciation**, Jen Larence on behalf of committee

Usually ask for donations, do something several Fridays in May for 90 people (all staff), likely similar this year, gift cards to Totopo or Uptown etc. Possibly some supplies to replenish and get them started for next year

**Odyssey of Mind**, Jen received update, 4 teams from middle schools went to regionals, plus a 5th team with combo of HS and MS students, 2 of these 5 teams advanced to States

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Presentation of the slate by the Nominating Committee. The slate of nominees are:

Historian: Lindy Becker

Secretary: Danika Lagorio

Treasurer: Gillian Stohner

2nd VP: Tess Carter

1st VP: Katie Graybill

President: Kristan Weir

This slate will sit for 30 days, will be published in the newsletter and will continue to receive nominations. A vote to elect a slate of candidates will then be taken.

Spiritwear - Mary Klaber will do again, looking at options for vendor, likely Commonwealth again

Committees need filled for next year, many current chairs are 'graduating' out of Mellon, so please refer anyone interested to Jen in the coming months

Adjourned at 9:32am

DRAFT Minutes prepared Natalie Kukla

Attendees: Kristan Weir, Elizabeth Schwertfuehrer, Chris Wolfson, Jen Larence, Amanda Saxman, Heather Boylan-Clark, Gillian Stohner, Natalie Kukla