

Mellon Middle School PTA Meeting  
November 8, 2023  
6:30pm  
DRAFT Minutes

**Call to Order 6:40pm**

Katie Graybil

**Approval of the October 2022 Minutes**

Motion made by Mary Klaber to approve minutes as written

**Treasurer's Report**

Gillian Stohner

- Balance \$11,577.47
- Motion was made by M. Klaber to reimburse \$80.00 for gift cards for Strings of Hope performers. D. Lagorio 2nd the motion. The yes votes were unanimous.
- Motion was made by D.Lagorio to utilize \$175.00 for 5 yearbooks for children who would like a yearbook but cannot afford one. This motion was 2nd by K.Graybill and the yes's were unanimous.
- Motion was made by M.Klaber to approve up to but not exceeding \$200.00 for a new crafting club. J. Cetorelli 2nd the motion and was approved unanimously.
- Motion was made by J. Marshal to move funds from the Greek Gala to field trips for 7th grade Eagles upcoming trip to "A Christmas Carol". It was 2nd by G. Stohner and approved unanimously.
- Please see the sign up genius for donation needs for the teachers extras. The student council will assist a few parent volunteers on setting up the break rooms with the goodies that we have collected. Thank you to everyone that has already contributed.

**Faculty Representative**

Amanda Saxman

- The supply closet needs a few items refilled: tissues (down to 3 boxes) staples, rolls of clear tape for tape dispenser refills, dry erase markers (big request), pencil top erasers, a heavy duty hole punch that will be kept in the 6th grade planning room so they have access if students want to hole punch their packets. Thank you so much to the PTA!

**Executive Committee Reports**

**President's Report**

Kristen Weir

- Membership drive is going well. We have 295 members with 350 students represented. As of 11/2/2023 we have 89 donations for a total of 2,379.00.
- There are new standing rules for Outside For Profit Businesses.
- We will be meeting with Amanda Saxman to begin developing our math lab for the school. For those parents already familiar with our wonderful Writing Lab, this will be the math equivalent. Parent volunteers will be working on a 1:1 or 1:2 ratio with students on their math skills for that current week. No experience is necessary- volunteers will receive materials, tips and solutions prior to the session. This will be an important way for students to get reinforcement on math topics and for volunteers to have a rewarding experience helping the school community.

**1st VP**

Nothing to report

Katie Graybill

**2nd VP**

Nothing to report

Tess Carter

### 3rd VP

Chris Wolfson

- Grading period ends November 11,2023
- We have a bunch of exciting events taking place this month and next at Mellon
  - Veterans Day Ceremony 11/10/23- 7:45am
  - 8th Grade Career Day 11/10/23
  - Orchestra Concert-12/5/23
  - Chorus Concert-12/7/23
  - Band Concert-12/13/23
  - Winter Break- 12/25/23-1/1/24 (School Resumes 1/2/24)
  - PTA Council Meeting hosted by Mellon 1/10/24 9:00 am
  - 5th Grade transition meeting 1/17/24 8:45am
- IBS Lebo loot is going very well. Excited for the buy in from the students and staff.
- So far it has been a wonderful year.

### Secretary

Danika Lagorio

We sent a condolence to Amanda Saxman. We are so terribly sorry for your loss.

We sent a huge congratulations card to DR.Gina Mahouski. Congratulations on defending your dissertation and completing your doctorate!

### Historian

Lindy Becker

Nothing to report

### Committee Reports

#### Council Delegate, Amy Grella

Updates from PTA Council meeting on Nov. 1st:

- The process for hiring Asst superintendent is on track. Targeting to have an individual in place by the start of second semester. There were 19 applicants, 9 selected to submit an essay; then 6 were interviewed last week. Hope to select the top 2-3 candidates for round 3 (in person interview), then selection of candidate which will go to school board meeting for a vote.
- At the Crossing guard breakfast, there was a topic about people not following traffic rules, especially near schools. Went in the district newsletter, but also Dr. Friez is asking to talk about this among friends/peers and fellow parents.
- Dr. Davis asked us to share a parent volunteer opportunity with the high school's STEM academy. They're always looking for businesses or parent volunteers to (1) mentor a student, (2) have a student shadow them at work/business, or (3) present a career/job to students. If you are interested, there is a link on the district website under Community--> MTLSD Community Speaker's Bureau.
- Next Council meeting will be held January 10,2024.

#### Spirit Wear, Kara Monocello and Corinne Vanderzee

Link is live. The final date to place orders is November 19,2023. Items will be delivered to your house on the week of December 11.

#### Scholastic Book Fair, Kara Monocello and Corinne Vanderzee

Fair was successful. Still wrapping up online sales. Will report figures at the January meeting.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Our first international family night occurred at the library last month. Two families showed up and it went very well. We are hoping to have another family night in the new year. It went very well. If we can think of other ways to promote this wonderful event please let us know.

Adjourned at 7:45pm

DRAFT Minutes prepared by Danika Lagorio