**MHES PTO Meeting, Thursday, Dec 10, 2020 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

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***Agenda***

**1. Welcome:)**

a. Checking in “How are you doing?

b. Checking in “ How are MHES staff doing?

c. Checking in “ How are MHES families doing?

**2. Review of Minutes**

**3. Financial Report**

a. Balance

* Nothing to report; taking time to get reimbursements from Strong City! Maybe checks will be cut tomorrow.

b. Strong City Update

**4. PTO Supply Closet packing**

**a.** Admin completing by winter break; Govans will 1share storage space until picked up

* Thanks to Denise for packing up the PTO boxes

 **5. Kirwan Commission Update -** Jennifer Javis

* Advocates will attempt to overturn Hogan’s veto quickly in the new legislative session, starting Jan/Feb 2021; they have to hurry, in case Covid curtails or cancels the session again.
* Jennifer will send out a newsletter with all this information
* There is support out there, but we need to show our legislators that this is important, by writing them, creating video testimonials, and meeting with representatives
	+ <https://linktr.ee/strongschoolsmaryland>

**6. Events:**

**a. Medfield Construction - Move in date- Jan 6, 2020**

**b. Holiday Drive Update - Dec 2020 (Kristy Holton, Laura Everdale - Co-chairs)** ✓ Donation of 1,000 from Roland Park Presbyterian Church ( Thank You Jennifer!!) ✓ Items ordered or dropped off by Friday, Dec 4th, 2020

✓ Erin/Desiree - volunteer for stockings|| Denise/Jennifer - volunteer for clothing.

* **All items from PTO are in; 4 gifts each extra shirt, few items waiting to come in from the Rec; everything should be in by next Tuesday. Extra coordination to get everything sent out and delivered to the families; got so many donations! Probably more than previous years. Need any more help? No, everything is wrapped that is at Kristy’s house; everything has gone smoothly, well organized**

**c. Fundraising Idea:** All events will be tabled until Spring 2021

**d. Young Audiences:** Supporting initiative for Pre-K thru 5th grade students.

* Have been posting online geared towards specific age groups posting live on Facebook; anyone taking advantage? Follow up with Cathy about something specific for MHES

**e. Future Events-** Book Fair, Literacy Night, Claire Fundraiser, Young Audiences

* Virtual Snowflake Dance? Any interest? Last year RPEMS did a flipgrid talent show, just posted their videos
* Attia could send an email around to see if anyone else is interested in forming a subcommittee; Spotify playlist; silent dance parties? Some way to coordinate? Freeze Dance?

7. **School Discussion**

a. How is virtual learning working for everyone?

* Small Group Wednesdays? How will it work? More async work on Wednesdays; starting week of January 11th.
* No back-up computers available from MHES; Denise says Amber got another shipment, but they got taken from her to re-distribute elsewhere.
* Multiple students are on their third laptops; there is a waiting list (3 or 4); did the PTO purchase new laptops last year, or later this year;
* Tasha has some retired laptops from her office that she might be able to donate; email to go out to families to ask if others have computers to donate? Denise gave her own touch-screen laptop to another family. Are tablets any good? Probably for Pre-K
* Ms. Ashley and Ms. Dia both got contract jobs at Amplify, so they are teaching online, and are doing well monetarily, if not emotionally.

b. Ribbon-cutting will be virtual

c. How are the Facebook family groups working for everyone?

* Some people are organizing Holiday gifts for teachers

**8. Other Items**

a. Teacher Donation/ Meal Train Donation- still open until Dec 31st.

b. Teacher Holiday Gifts

c. Concerns-??

**Next PTO Meeting**: Thu 1/14, 6:00 pm

In Attendance:

Erin Bolton

Kerry Ford Morancy

Laura Everdale

Judi Breidegam

Tasha Williams

Attia Goheer

Nikki Martens

Denise Stanley

Desiree Cleeves

Lydie Glynn

Suzanne Sclattman

Joanie Shreve

Jennifer Jarvis