

**MHES PTO Meeting, Thursday, Feb 11, 2021 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Website:  
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Meeting Information - Meeting ID: 811 5104 0596 / Passcode: 855435**

**Agenda**

**1. Welcome:)**

a. Checking in “How are you doing?”

Give yourself some extra grace, we are still in the pandemic

Lots of kids are struggling with online learning

We are getting lots of kudos from the district in terms of attendance, work completion, etc. So, we are holding it all together, despite everything

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

Desiree not here, but no other transactions from last month

Do have a line item for PPE purchase

Can't accept donations now; hopefully the Strong City audit will be over in March

5013c: it does seem feasible to do this, and maybe the best course of action. We may need to have a Board Meeting about it soon, it's a good time to do the work now

**4. PTO Supply Closet unpacking**

a. Sign-up Genius for unpacking schedule (only 2 people)- Plan for March 2021

b. We do need more shelves

1. EB has some shelving she might be able to donate

2. CC texted AK about extra shelving

**5. PTO - Teacher Gift Cards**

a. We are ready, the next time there is a staff development day to distribute them.

## **6. School Video - Jan 27, 2021**

### **a. Ribbon Cutting/Drone Video**

1. BCPS Facebook page
2. Drone portion is a good way to see the inside of the building

## **7. School Reopening - Feb/Mar**

### **a. PPE Purchase**

1. School is good for now; the district has a ton at this point

### **b. Assistance from PTO, if needed**

1. 8:30 - 9:15 volunteers needed during screening time, there is a survey, sent in an email
  - a. Newsletter reminder
2. Time inside the classroom during check-in; individual kits that the kids could work on while they wait for class to begin, so they aren't on their computers during that time; travel games, playdoh, kinetic sand
3. 100 kids returning
4. Can we use the seat sack? Gallon ziploc bags?
5. Assemble the bags inside?
6. Spraying the room? Seat sacks become unusable, they have to use plastic bins

### **c. Classroom List/Classroom Parents**

1. Will be sent out soon

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

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

### **a. Snowflake Dance**

- i. Overall idea pretty well planned, just need to pick a date
- ii. Early March? Saturday after March PTO meeting, 3/13
- iii. Multiple zoom links (4): dance, craft, chit chat, games
- iv. No break out rooms
- v. 5pm start time on Saturday
- vi. Trying to avoid wait rooms
- vii. NO CHATS!
- viii. Announcements via PTO, school newsletters
- ix. Volunteers needed to staff the Zoom rooms
- x. PTO needs its own Zoom account anyway; maybe this will

get that ball rolling

- xi. Do we need staff present, or is it okay with just PTO? Let's ask if anyone wants to participate
  - 1. Can't use a district Zoom account
  - 2. Don't put it on Facebook, to avoid outside intruders

**10. School Discussion:**

- a. How is virtual learning working for everyone?
- b. How are the Facebook family groups working for everyone?
- c. Fill out parent survey

**11. Other Items:**

- a. Donations
- b. Concerns-??
  - 1. Weekly video from admin, so that virtual kids could see staff
    - a. Or videos in classroom, let them do morning announcements or something like that
  - 2. Anti-racist MHES committee
    - a. Meeting for parents
    - b. See if there is interest in a black affinity group for black families to
    - c. Next meeting 2/23 @ 6pm

In Attendance:

Barbee Barber

Albert McCarraher

Rita Jackson

PJ Disclafani

Attia Goheer

Bridget Becker

Kerry Ford Morancy

Latarsha Bryant

Jennifer Jarvis

Erin Bolton

Cathy Chiavacci

Laura Everdale  
Joy Twesigye  
Kristy Holton  
Denise Stanley

**Next PTO Meeting:** Thu 3/11, 6:00 pm