

**MHES PTO Meeting, Thursday, March 11, 2021 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

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**Zoom Meeting Information - Meeting ID: 818 9685 3381/ Passcode: 431471**

**Agenda**

**1. Welcome:)**

- a. Checking in "How are you doing?  
Stress of dealing with family, kids hitting puberty; we are all in this together!
- 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  
\$13,727.69
- b. Strong City Update  
Still in audit; will be putting in a new model, and some non-profits will stay with SC

**4. MHES PTO Financial Model Discussion**

- a. Current option - Strong City
- b. Future options - Strong City / 501(c)3 / Other fiscal sponsorship  
Thanks to Erin and Desiree for putting this together; leaning towards 501(c)3

**5. School Budget Meeting - Mar. 4th**

- a. General Updates- Budget Approved, Cleaning Service, Need to recruit Prek and K students, New Intervention Teacher  
Cost of cleaning service and supplies, PTO might need to assist  
There will be a virtual Meet & Greet for Pre-K/K recruitment, after transition to building opening  
Live Baltimore Charter event Sat, April 10th, 10-12  
4 prospective student open houses (check email from Ms. Kilcoyne)  
2@9am, 2@6 pm  
4/14@9, 4/28@6, 5/12@9, 5/26@6pm  
Need volunteers to help with online and in-person events  
Ms. Jackson will be new Intervention Teacher, moving out of 4th grade ELA  
Recruitment for new 4th grade teacher  
Books might need to be purchased for literacy curriculum
- b. Collection of Textbooks/ School Materials unused  
School will send out a list of books as a reminder  
If anyone bought them, those can be donated as well

## 6. School Transition- Hybrid Model

### a. Wellness Checks/ Update on Staff & Students

Things are going well, but grades 3-5 are coming back next week

Internet consistency is the main issue

Following Covid protocols

Really hard for teachers to juggle everything

### b. Stress Relief Bags

Playdoh received

## 7. Events

### a. Snowflake Dance - Sat. March 13, 2021 at 5p.m. to 6p.m.

✓ Dance Room/ Craft Room/Chat Room

✓ Volunteer needed for Assistance (min 3 per room)

✓ Flyer & Update for the Zoom link/ sharing post

Email sent out by school tomorrow, don't post on Facebook (refer to the email)

If someone gets kicked out, send texts to each other so the other volunteers know

Can teachers get the word out at morning/afternoon meeting tomorrow?

Song request list - Spotify playlist

Monitors are needed for volunteers, manage the wait room

Monitor behavior

Dance (no mikes), craft (yes mikes), Chat (yes)

More jars for guessing game - 4 or 5 (2 food, 2 non-food)

Winners announced on Facebook

Posting pictures? What are the limitations?

Check with Amber

Kristy will volunteer for craft room

Barbee will volunteer for chat

Exchange numbers

Rotate kids between rooms?

### b. Fundraising Idea - All events will be tabled until Spring 2021

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

## 8. PTO Supply Closet unpacking

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

## 9. PTO - Gift Cards for Teachers/ Plan for teacher appreciation in May 2021 10.

Email us with ideas for teacher appreciation

Ms. Chiavacci has an idea to share offline

Will it be something in person? Or will all staff not be in the building?

Has to be something for everyone, even those teachers who are not currently in the building

**10. School Discussion:**

- a. How is virtual learning working for everyone?
- b. How are the Facebook family groups working for everyone?

**11. Other Items:**

- a. Donations for Need Family
  - LB and DS will put together a wish list
  - Food Lion gift cards are a possibility
- b. Concerns-??
  - AK sent an email about changing mind to go back in person; there will be a virtual open house soon
  - Hardest part is kids having to sit still for so long
  - Have had to shut down a pod already

**Next PTO Meeting:** Thu 4/8, 6:00 pm

In Attendance:

Erin Bolton, Kristy Holton, Cathy Chiavacci, Denise Stanley, Latarsha Bryant, Jennifer Jarvis, Barbee Barber, Attia Goheer, Stephanie Jones, Albert McCarraher, Latarsha Bryant, Desiree Cleeves, Kerry Ford Morancy