

MHES Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.

Thursday, Nov 11, 2021 - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 pm

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Zoom Meeting Information - Meeting ID: 882 4486 4405 |Passcode: 803417

Agenda

In Attendance

Erin Bolton, Latarsha Bryant, Kerry Ford Morancy, Jennifer Jarvis, Jaclyn Paul, Stephanie Jones, Sara Baffour, Cathy Chiavacci, Mr. Poknis, Ms. Ames, Tasha Williams, Rainier Horn, Larissa Robinson, Denise Stanley, Nikki Martens, Andrea Stayton, Desiree Cleves, Courtney Proctor, Suzanne Schlattman

Opening Activities (Welcome) -

1. Ms. Casey is returning!
2. The fundraiser was so nice to see everyone, we miss meeting in person!
 - a. Union loves us (a bartender has a Pre-k MHES student).
3. MCA meetings love the community space.
4. Also, love expressed for keeping the meetings hybrid, which encourages more participation. Teachers especially appreciate the virtual option.

Reports

a. Financial Update

- i. Budget Balance
 1. \$7876 (does not account for the roughly \$300 MOD pizza check)
- ii. Donations - right now with FFEE it would be complicated, but cash or check (made out to FFEE with a memo line for MHES PTO) would be possible (we only pay when we have expenses, not for getting donations)
- iii. School requested items - Teacher Gift cards
- iv. 501c3 Update - status granted!!! we should be able to make the transition in the next few weeks, with the hope to set up for online donations in the early new year
 1. Have to decide on bank

Unfinished Business

a. Previous Events

- i. Fundraiser Restaurant Night: Sun. Oct 3rd- Mod Pizza Update
 - a. (\$297.69)
- ii. Claire's Organization/Pick-up Night: Wed. Oct 27th
 - a. \$20,000 worth of merchandise
 - b. New volunteer faces!
 - c. Works well with Literacy Night
- iii. Book Fair: Mon. Oct 25 thru Fri. Oct 29

- a. \$7000 in sales at least! Raised over \$3000 in new STEAM materials
- b. Stock was almost gone!
- iv. Literacy Night: Wed. Oct 27, Thur. Oct 28
- v. Character Parade: Fri. Oct 29
 - a. Families were wet from the rain, but happy to have the event go forward even with the weather
- vi. Fundraiser Restaurant Night: Wed. Nov 3rd- Well Crafted & Union Update
 - a. \$162 (Well Crafted) + \$528 (Union)!!! + possibly \$60 from another donor
 - i. Small business Saturday? Chipotle?

New Business

- a. Upcoming Events
 - i. American Education Week - Mon. Nov 15th thru Fri. Nov 19th (Promote)
 - a. Check calendar for daily activities
 - ii. STEAM Night: Thur. Nov 18th (Promote)
 - a. Ms. Homol is coordinating
 - b. No snacks
 - c. Different rooms with different activities, passport, Q1 STEAM projects
 - d. Needs 5 for set-up (meet in Science Room, 3:15-5:00), 7 for event, volunteers after school to help teachers
 - iii. School Family Council Meeting- Nov 22nd (Promote)
 - a. 5-6pm
 - b. 6pm Middle School Choice presentation (4th and 5th grade)
 - c. Also possibly the vaccination clinic after school
 - i. Not sure about the number of doses
 - ii. Outreach? Transportation? Hesitation?
 - iii. Save spots for kids without transportation
 - iv. How will bus riders be able to get the shot?
 - v. Do parents have to be present, or will there be a permission slip?
 - iv. MHES Anti-Racism Group Initiative (Discuss)
 - a. Ms. Chiavacci to ask if the school can promote
 - b. community Law Group offers training (Jaclyn Paul)
 - v. HOLIDAY DRIVE: Mon. Nov 15th thru Fri. Dec 10th
 - a. Holiday Drive Coordinator: Sara Baffour
 - b. Supporting 24 students
 - c. 2021THEME- Something they Want, Something they Need, Something to Wear, Something to Read..plus a stocking of fun.
 - d. Maryland Book Bank contribution
 - e. Pop-its!
 - f. Promotion will be digital because of toner shortage
 - g. List almost done, having some translation issues
 - h. Shopping sales post-christmas

- i. Thank-you notes - how to acknowledge donors?
- j. Sign-up Genius for Toy Items or Gift card & Cash Donations
- k. Sign-up Genius for Wrapping Party/ Need wrapping paper donations

vi. School Updates

- a. new second grade teacher!
- b. art mural
 - i. RFPs, subcommittee - need volunteers?
 - ii. On sidewalk, not allowed on building
 - iii. Ms. Bright? Art with a Heart?

vii. Concerns

Announcements/ Adjournment - Next Meeting- Thur. Dec 9th