

MHES PTO Meeting, Thursday, Nov 12, 2020 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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Zoom Meeting Information- Meeting ID: 843-9423-8703 / Passcode: 452456

In Attendance:

Ms. Becker
Joanie Shreve
Nikki Martens
Latarsha Bryant
Kerry Ford Morancy
Judi Breidegam
Attia Goheer
Tasha Williams
Carlyle Brown
Ms. Kilcoyne
Desiree Cleeves
Laura Everdale
Kristy Holton
Jennifer Jarvis
Erin Bolton
Nicole Credle
Suzanne Schlattman
Ayrika Fletcher
PJ Disclafani

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
 1. Awaiting reimbursement for a few things, e.g. purchase of Target gift cards for teacher appreciation
- b. Strong City Update

4. Fundraising Update

- a. Kona Ice fundraiser
 1. \$50 raised - they are sending check in the mail

5. PTO Supply Closet packing

- a. Date: Select one day - Week of Mon Nov. 30th thru Fri. Dec. 4th (9 am to 12 noon)

1. 4 hours needed (probably); most things are labeled, just need to pack
2. Wednesday, December 2nd is the chosen day (½ day for students that day; Ms. Kilcoyne will be at the swing space)
 - a. Volunteers so far: Jennifer and Joanie
3. Construction is pretty much done (see below)
4. School is close to being packed up of shared spaces (office, closets); Ms. Kilcoyne is worried about the loss of Ms. Stanley, and how that will impact packing/moving, so she's trying to get things done now
5. Waivers: All volunteers will sign a waiver when they arrive at the building

6. PTO Welcome - Rebecca Duncan, LCSW (school-based therapist) - will hopefully be attending next month's meeting

7. Events:

a. Mon. Nov 16, 2020: Medfield Construction Meeting@ 5p.m. / Update from Staff

1. Cathy and Amber have gone in a couple times to "learn" how to use the elevator
2. Every classroom has its own smart board, audio
3. There are 60 security cameras
4. 2 playgrounds
5. PA system and fire alarms work, even in bathrooms
6. Learning about types of furniture (no old furniture is allowed)
7. Room built for school police, but is also used for viewing cameras, or if CPS is called
8. Ms. Kilcoyne noticed they were planting Holly trees, which seem like a terrible idea for an elementary school; after some necessary nagging, the Holly trees are being replace
9. PTO room has so much storage, fridge and freezer
10. 3 floors, parking lot for teachers
11. On schedule to move in on time
12. Can drink from water fountains
13. Can teachers teach in the building? Depends on district, and many teachers don't want to
14. Keep asking for the sidewalk
15. Marquee is not coming with the building - Ms Kilcoyne is trying to figure out what to do, where we could put it
16. Time Capsule is being worked on to put in the foundation
17. Because of Covid, no big opening
18. Virtual open houses will happen from the new building; put a laptop on a cart and wheel it around

b. Holiday Drive Kicked off- Nov 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.

1. Great video!
2. About 20 students
3. Easier for the PTO to have people buying gift cards
4. Kristy's husband will stop at the Rec on the way home from work to pick up items that have been dropped off and will coordinate with Ms Kilcoyne and Ms. Chiavacci about drop-offs from the school
5. Feel free to share the link with the community
6. Supplies? Latarsha picked them up

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

1. Please share ideas with Tasha, but we are holding off for now on events
2. Latarsha received negative feedback from Kona Ice fundraiser

d. Young Audiences: Offering FREE Performing and Visual Art Videos and Live Workshop session with Artist for Pre-K thru 5th grade.

1. School is planning to participate, Latarsha is getting more info, teachers are looking at the offerings, and they will select one of the shows; usually they are awesome

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

1. Online book fair is possible, if there is interest (spring time)

8. School Discussion

a. How is virtual learning working for everyone?

1. Lunch bunches are a real success (everyone loves Ms. Duggan!)

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

1. Seem to be popular

9. Other Items

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

1. Are they on Facebook? MHES Families Facebook, yes, also emailed.
2. Denise - Dec. 4th; Amber still trying to keep her on longer; she won't want to keep the money until she knows for sure that her contract is ending
3. New budget for increased enrollment? 15 students over the initial estimate this year, so we should have gotten money back; latest update is that money will not be given to MHES, but instead distributed across all schools.
4. After the new building, we should get more money. We don't want to fill it too quickly.
5. Interest in a virtual event, like Snowflake Dance or Talent Show?

b. Teacher Gift Cards- Distributed to all teachers

1. Again in Jan/Feb

c. Concerns-??

1. Virtual Suggestion box for events? So Latarsha doesn't have to field responses
2. Google Form
3. Lots of parents are Zoomed out
4. Ms. Kilcoyne feels lots of anxiety from parents, trying to keep requests at a minimum
5. No pressure to do more than you can; the PTO will meet you where you are

Next PTO Meeting: Thu 12/10, 6:00 pm