

MHES PTO Meeting, Thursday, Oct 8, 2020 from 6: 00 to 7:30 p.m.

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Zoom Meeting Information- Meeting ID: 859-2256-28 /Password: 795969

In Attendance:

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Joanie Shreve
Tasha Williams
Kerry Ford Morancy
Latarsha Bryant
Jennifer Jarvis
Desiree Cleeves
Kristy Holton
Laura Everdale
Nikki Martens
Cathy Chiavacci
Austin Carpenter
Liam Joseph
Roger Hughes
Nathalie Cone
Eyvonne Reid

Agenda

1. Welcome:)

- a. Checking in "How are you doing?"
 - i. Thank you to Latarsha for checking in
 1. Not just covid, but also BLM that we are paying attention to and coping with
- b. Checking in " How are MHES staff doing?"
 - i. Teachers are working so hard, and we appreciate them

1. Thanks to Kristy and Ms. Becker for organizing the GoFundMe for our teachers that we lost due to budget cuts (Ms. Stanley's money will be held until we see what happens in December)
 - a. About 450 teachers were lost city-wide
 - b. Ms. Stanley's contract was extended! Until Dec...
 2. If anyone wants to give a shout-out on Facebook to teachers, please go ahead!
 - a. Comments will be collected and given to teachers
 - c. Checking in " How are MHES families doing?"
2. **Review of Minutes**
3. **Introductions**
 - a. PTO Overview
 - i. We're usually really active by now in the school year, but this year is unique
 - b. PTO Introductions
 - i. Board introductions
 - c. Questions
4. **Financial Report**
 - a. Balance
 - i. The PTO hasn't given FY20 money to MHES yet, but that will happen when FY20 is formally closed with the financial sponsor
 - ii. Amazon gift cards will be given for this year's teacher appreciation cards
 - b. Strong City Update
 - i. We have no reason to be concerned about our account status, even with the problems with SCB that's been in the news recently. Going forward, we should consider a more sustainable option for financial sponsorship, like re-entering PTA, other 5013c umbrellas; anyone have any suggestions?
 - ii. It will probably take a little while, we need a solid plan and figure out how to extract ourselves from Strong City.
 - iii. Heather Rogers could come to talk about PTA?
 1. It's been 7 years, so maybe we can re approach them?
 - iv. Thank goodness Desiree has been so organized/accurate with our records, or else we would not have a good sense of our balance.
 - v. Let's discuss this at a later meeting
5. **PTO Supply Closet packing**
 - a. Date/ Volunteer Sign-up/ Waivers
 - i. At swing space
 - ii. Work with Ms. Chiavacci/Kilcoyne to ask about covid waivers
 1. Pack up ASAP, ideally way before December
6. **Events:**
 - a. **Thur. Oct 1, 2020 : Medfield Construction Meeting**
 - i. They had to shift priorities, playground is not visible to the street, as we agreed upon

- ii. Sidewalk - from Buchanan down to Rec Center; we bring it up every time
 - 1. Still apparently “in negotiations” with the City
- b. **Sat. Oct 10, 2020: MHES - Kona Ice Fundraiser**
 - i. Please come out and support us
 - ii. Be Safe! Hand sanitizer, cones, social distancing
 - iii. Not everyone will feel safe coming out for this, and that’s okay
- c. **Fundraising Idea: ??**
 - i. Chipotle
 - 1. Probably in December
 - a. Enthusiasm from PTO members at the meeting about this
 - 2. Will this impact Holiday Drive?
 - ii. Well Crafted Pizza (Wednesday Night Community Event)
 - www.wellcraftpizza.com - (Goal - 100 family participation)/ pick-up at Dockside
 - 1. We would need 100 families to participate to make it worthwhile for us to do this.
 - 2. Last year they participated in our Union brewery fundraiser
 - 3. They reached out to us to partner
 - 4. November?
 - 5. Normal circumstances are about 50 families for us, so we may not hit 100
 - 6. Everything is packaged and can be frozen, so maybe you could order in bulk?
 - 7. Set menu, can pre-order or not
 - 8. An opportunity to support local businesses too, and also benefit ourselves.
 - iii. Erin - donation from fundraisers
 - 1. Has anything expired?
 - a. Only heard back from two donors (Charmery, Red Zone) to go ahead and keep them
- d. **Holiday Drive** - are we having a Holiday Drive?
 - i. Ms. Stanley can still help!!!
 - ii. We have to check list with Ms. Williams (social worker)
 - iii. KH LE co-chairing, logistics need to be worked out, cash or gift card donations might be best, safer
 - 1. Might have a few people ordering things and organizing shipping/distribution
 - 2. We might need to start soliciting donations now, getting going now?
 - 3. Set up a registry? Like at Target or Walmart?
 - a. Record-keeping to keep track of things and control privacy
 - b. Back-up plan in case the registry is not bought out
 - c. Could replace the SUG

- e. **Future Events-** Book Fair, Literacy Night, Claire Fundraiser, Young Audiences
 - i. Claire's and the Book Fair can be done online and shipped directly to the house
 - ii. School administrators haven't even been able to think about fundraisers yet, but this sounds hopeful.
 - iii. Some parents really would like a Zoom social event for their kids, the teachers don't have the bandwidth for Math Night or Literacy night, but the PTO might be able to organize just a social event
 - 1. Sub-committee?
 - 2. Talent night flip-grids?
 - 3. Bingo night?
 - 4. Use the FB social groups
 - 5. Ms Chiavacci says a Math Night might be possible...

7. School Discussion

- a. How is virtual learning working for everyone?
- b. How are the Facebook family groups working for everyone?
- c. Any project Ideas for INSPIRE project?
 - i. Meeting is scheduled coming up, have to check the date

8. Other Items

- a. Board of Directors, possible rally to demand that teachers be reinstated
 - i. PTO to share action items to help organize
 - ii. BTU asking for videos from families from what they would expect to return safely to school
- b. Student's father passed away very suddenly (3rd grader)
 - i. Mr. Shannon Cottman (a principal at another school)
 - ii. Meal train with all the affected schools
- c. Teacher Donation/ Meal Train Donation
- d. Teacher Gift Cards- Will be distributed by mid Oct.
- e. Data entry volunteers for Class Lists and PTO members.
 - i. Evonne Reid, Nathalie Cone have volunteered for this
- f. Other concerns???
- g. Lunch bunches
 - i. Teachers can't, but we do have some resource teachers and administrators who could, we want to do it
 - ii. Could volunteers get some training to do it?
 - 1. Have to check with Ms. Kilcoyne, if she is comfortable with outsiders

Next PTO Meeting: Thu 11/12, 6:00 pm