**MHES PTO Meeting, Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 6:00 – 7:30pm**

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**In Attendance:**

Laura Everdale

Kristy Holton

Jennifer Jarvis

Denise Stanley

Erin Bolton

Katrina Reid

Desiree Cleves

Nikki Martens

Lisa Casey

Kerry Ford Morancy

Roger Hughes

Nicole Credle

Nick Lindow

Lydie Glynn

Dubray Purnell

Lisa Thomas

Suzanne Schlattman

Attia Goheer

**Agenda**

1. Financial Report: Desiree Cleves
	1. payments made this month for copy paper, weebly subscription, playground donations
2. Fundraiser updates
	1. Claire’s Fundraisers:~$4,150.75
	2. Union Craft: $614 Well Crafted $121
3. Math Night: Thu 12/4, 6:00-7:30
	1. Volunteers for door, concession stand, setup & cleanup
		1. Desiree to text Keith about ice
		2. Pizza will be from Toss on York Road (someone will pick-up, as opposed to delivery)
4. Holiday Drive
	1. **\*Please do not deviate from the SUG, as gender/sizes are specific; also, these items are what has been specifically requested by each child.\***
	2. **\*Also, please do not mail in your donation; the school is still having trouble receiving mail\***
	3. Homeroom parents should send out emails to their classes about the Holiday Drive, as not everyone is on the PTO email list.
	4. The SUG will also include wrapping supplies that are needed
	5. Items due by Monday 12/16, will send out SUG for signups
	6. Donations of new items for 25+ MHES students in need; they are chosen by teachers and Ms. Stanley. Anonymity is important, so PTO does not know names, only gender and age.
	7. Need volunteers for possible last-minute shopping the weekend of 14th-15th, if all requested donations are not taken on the SUG
	8. Need daytime/evening sorting volunteers: Tu /W the week of 12/16; wrapped presents will be distributed on Th/F of that week; presents will not be sent home the bus, to maintain students’ anonymity
	9. Will wrap as needed during December meeting AT SCHOOL
5. Restaurant Nights update: Laura (Tasha is out of town)
	1. Chipotle: 1040 W. 41st Street, Wednesday, November 20th 4:00- 8:00pm.
6. Young Audiences update: Laura Everdale
	1. we are looking for an anti-bullying program
7. Vision For Baltimore: Sign up volunteers to be a “runner”
	1. Take kids from class to the exam site (PTO room)
	2. Recent staff cuts mean that MHES staff is already stretched thin, and therefore they need help with this task
8. Kirwan Commission
	1. Strong School Maryland is a good source of background information about this important legislative effort that is coming up this winter
	2. Baltimore Public Schools have been underfunded for years, and this would be the best chance in a long time to improve many aspects of the education system in Maryland, by providing a more equitable funding stream for public schools, based on need
	3. There will be a separate meeting about how MHES can help ensure this legislation is passed; this will be in December, and will be led by Corey Gaber, Ms. Casey’s husband, from the Baltimore Teachers’ Union.
9. Medfield walkthrough with Councilman Pinkett 11/15 at 3pm at Weldon Circle
	1. There are a number of issues to discuss, including the Falls/41st intersection, and who will pay for upgrades to the sidewalk between the school and the Rec Center.
10. Old Business / Questions
	1. ideas for free Box Top Rewards for Whole school (inside out day…)
	2. Ms Kilcoyne needs volunteers for the Open House on November 21st, to set up breakfast for visitors (EB will volunteer). Volunteers should arrive at 7:00 to set-up.
	3. Mr. Voorsteg’s old room will now be used for a gaga pit; hopefully, those who volunteer during Vision for Baltimore Week can help set this up during their down-time.
	4. Annual fundraiser update: EB is looking into a walk-a-thon fundraiser, which she thinks will be more profitable and low-stress than the original bull-roast idea. EB and Desiree had purchased tickets to two bull-roasts, neither of which happened because of low ticket sales. We would target a smaller, more directly relevant list of donors to support the walk-a-thon. EB will be seeking committee members to meet 2x/month starting in the new year.
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***Members Sign In***

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