

**Mt. Lebanon City Council of PTAs Meeting
Wednesday February 3, 2016
Lincoln Elementary School
Minutes**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance—The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. There were 22 people in attendance.

Approval of Minutes—Julie Maselko
The minutes from the January 6, 2016 meeting were presented and approved as written.

Treasurers Report—Melissa Bailey

- No expenses other than insurance.
- Still short quite a few members—even though 3 schools sent in their dues.

Correspondence—Chantelle Moore

- None to report.

Executive Committee Reports

President's Report-- Julie Maselko

- New website discussed with Cissy Bowman—plan to combine tabs to make them consistent across all schools. This is a work in progress so let Julie or Cissy know if you have issues.
- Issues regarding “reward systems” at elementary schools to be discussed with Dr. Irvin.
- Filters on student email accounts still aren’t working.
- PTA Awards—please forward nominations to council.
- Work to be done on bylaws because State PTA wants an actual date of when officers officially take over. We plan to use May 1st. Also officers that are not recognized by the state PTA will have to be removed from bylaws and added to standing rules.
- Membership—Mellon recently asked their principal to send a reminder note through Power School and had 6 new members sign up.
- Elections are coming up, slates are due.

1st Vice President Report—Jodi Kubit

- Currently working on the Installation lunch. Only incoming officers will be invited.
- Next month we will be looking for Council Committee Chairs.
- Jefferson Elem., Jefferson Middle & Mellon considering bylaw changes.

3rd V.P. Report/Superintendent—Dr. Steinhauer

- Dr. Steinhauer really appreciates & values the feedback that PTA gives to District directly (i.e. Dr. Irvin, Chris Stengel, the administration in general).
- The demolition of the building is done. By the beginning of the next school year you should be able to drive all the way around.
- Very happy with administrative team & teacher, principal relationships.

- Budget coming up. There were 9 teacher retirements & 4 support staff retirements.
- Introducing Sloane Astorino as the Director of Advancement for the Capital Campaign.
 - \$1.7 MM raised through quiet phase.
 - \$100K directly back to High School (2—\$50K donor directed)
 - Sloane is also the Executive Director of the MLFE.
 - April 16th is the Taste of Lebo.
 - Selling stadium blankets as a fundraiser--\$60 each.
 - The next School Board meeting will recognize 8 teachers that received a grant.
- There have been some Dashboards issues and they are being addressed.
- Also the issue with low lunch balance messages not being sent. Dr. Steinhauer will look into.

Standing Committee Reports

None to report.

Community Liaisons

School Board—Mary Birks

- Day 217 without a State Budget. As parents we need to be in the ear of the legislature to represent not just Mt. Lebanon but all kids.
- Capital projects discussions this month. There is a long list.
- School Board has a conservative finance officer—fortunate to be in a good place.

Outreach—Mary Birks

- “Worry Child” discussion on February 10th. Mt. Lebanon Mom leads discussion.
- Depression & Anxiety for teens group hopes to meet but need at least 5 kids to conduct the class.
- April 26th is the date for the Outreach Fundraiser. Again the theme is the “Speakeasy” and will be held at the Sienna Mercato.
- May is Mental health month. A “free the teacher” fundraiser has been proposed.

Library—Laurie Schultz & Robyn Vittek

- New flyers available for book clubs for kids.
- Cornucopia—25 different trumpets to be held in March.
- Chinese New Year celebration to be held on Monday February 8th.
- Maker Space is now open every day after school.
- There have been some behavior problems at the library again in the Teen Area. The same 5-6 kids but they influence others.

Teen Center/Club Lebo—Tara Bell

- Next event to be held on February 19th at Jefferson Middle.
- Planning to have a DJ, Inflatables, Photo Booth.
- Need volunteers and must have your clearances.

Police/Jamie Hughes

- Model Club at both Middle Schools, 8-9 students so far. At the moment they are all 8th graders. Trying to get some 6th graders to attend.
- DEA will be doing a drug take back event on April 30th from 10-2 pm. This will be a drive through service at MRTS and will take anything but needles. Keep in mind the box is still there at the Safety Center for drug to be deposited.
- Jamie will send a blurb for the PTA Newsletters.
- Jamie & Mary Birks spoke about “Safe Communities” distinction. Mt. Lebanon is in early stages of this process.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- Bylaws—Jodi Kubit
 - All dues will now be due on October 15th, the same day as regular dues.
- Presentation of the 2016-2017 Slate of Officers—Nominating Committee
 - President—Jodi Kubit
 - 1st VP—Julie Maselko
 - 2nd VP—Melissa Bailey
 - Treasurer—Jennie Bhojwani
 - Secretary—Julie Smith
 - Historian—Chantelle Moore

Discussion occurred regarding nominations and the slate.

There were no nominations from the floor. The election will take place at the March 2nd meeting.

Unit Presidents Announcements

- None

Next meeting March 2, 2016 at Markham Elementary School.

Adjournment—The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Submitted by: Chantelle Moore, Secretary

Approved: _____