

Mt. Lebanon City Council of PTAs Meeting
Wednesday, March 4, 2015
Foster Elementary School
Minutes

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM by Julie Maselko.

Approval of Minutes – Julie Maselko

Two grammatical errors will be fixed then minutes are approved.

Treasurer's Report – Melissa Bailey

- Membership is our main income, not many checks coming in at this point in the year.
- There is a Treasurers' budget meeting next week to help individual PTAs set up budgets for next year.

Correspondence - Chantelle Moore

- None.

Executive Committee Reports

President's report – Julie Maselko

- National PTA has reported that the Family Engagement Act of 2015 is requesting families to participate and support their students and schools.
- Chris Stengel has not responded with login and passwords for PTA unit Presidents to access the district wifi when in the schools.
- Vision Screening- Volunteers are only needed to walk students to and from the classrooms; PTA's can eliminate this from their budget and committee chair list.
- Council luncheon- April 29th. Only incoming and returning officers will be invited. Training will only be for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Historians.

3rd VP Report/Superintendent - Dr. Steinhauer

- Act153 (clearances) came into effect on December 31, 2014. Targeted at those who will come into contact with children in schools. Dr. Steinhauer, Dr. Davis and Dr. Irvin are currently trying to determine what difference between casual and routine volunteers. Routine volunteers will need clearances, casual may not. Aimee Girod asked about field trips and they have not yet made a determination. Middle school writing lab volunteers will need clearances. A chart will be posted on the website once completed. He encouraged members to ask Dan Miller to host an FBI fingerprinting session. Renters of school buildings must follow the same policy and they are looking into at what age clearances will be required.
- High school construction update: the 10-year old roof is leaking and they are working on getting it fixed. Construction is moving along and this month more new spaces will be ready to be open. Demolition will begin once students are moved.
- School Board is working on budget and will present on Monday, March 9, 2015.
- Teacher negotiations are cordial and going well. He foresees no problem and they are not at an impasse
- Two High school events are coming up: HS band spaghetti dinner and HS Musical is Annie get your gun.

Standing Committee Reports

- None

Community Liaisons

MLFE – Julie Smith

- Putting on a fundraiser, “Taste of Lebo—Battle of the Appetizers”, on April 18 from 2-5 p.m. in uptown Mt Lebanon. Purchase tickets in advance. Please come and support them.

Outreach - Christine Hostutler

- Announced a talk for discipline dilemmas.

MLPD - Aaron Lauth and Jamie Hughes

- Clarified deer culling information. Will only happen after 9 p.m. and 1,000 feet away from schools. Police are helping to make sure this is as safe as possible. Described bullets that will be in use: they will shatter once they come in contact, no ricochet will be possible.
- GO ZONES: do not get out of car to talk while waiting. Stay in car to move through quickly as possible.
- Safety camp will run this summer—involves Police, Fire, and EMS.

Library - Laurena Schultz

- College admission expert coming to talk about getting into college. All welcome.
- Having an Insurgent party to celebrate the release of the new movie, details to come.
- Little change has happened with student conduct in the library, Librarian talk to individual students as necessary.

Old Business

- **Amend bylaws** - Change in council officers, combine Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary into one position: Secretary. Julie Smith made a motion, Kirsten Bruder seconded the motion, amendment approved.
- **Capital campaign** – Katie Caste spoke as the Parents Committee representative. The campaign is aimed to create an additional source of funding to ensure Mt Lebanon high standards are being met and to create a culture of Philanthropy in the school. They would like to encourage parents to donate to ensure programs they want stay “above the line” at budget time. The committee is looking for a parent volunteer representative from each school to help spread the word and clear up any misconceptions. An awareness event will be held on April 2.

New Business

- **Elections:** the slate for council board is uncontested. Motion made by Jodi Kubit, Kirsten Bruder seconded. Slate was elected as presented.

President: Julie Maselko

1st VP: Jodi Kubit

2nd VP: Sara Dougherty

Treasurer: Melissa Bailey

Secretary: Chantelle Moore

Historian: Julie Smith

Unit Presidents Announcements

- None

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned by Julie Maselko at 10:01 a.m.

Submitted by: Julie Smith, Historian (in Chantelle Moore’s absence)

Approved: _____