

**Mt. Lebanon City Council of PTAs Meeting
Wednesday September 9, 2015
Hoover Elementary
Minutes**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance—The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. There were 21 people in attendance.

Approval of Minutes—Julie Maselko
The minutes from the May 20, 2015 meeting were presented and approved as written.

Treasurers Report—Melissa Bailey

- Treasurer’s seminar is scheduled for September 12th.
- Financial Statements were provided.

Correspondence—Chantelle Moore

- None to Report

Executive Committee Reports

President’s Report-- Julie Maselko

- Thank you to Hoover Elementary, Ms. Giehll and Kirsten Bruder for hosting the meeting.
- Standards of Affiliation need to be up to date. Need to be a member in good standing to participate in Reflections. Submit at least some Membership dues by 10/15 to remain in good standing.
- School supply lists—Usually these are supplied at the start of school but teachers seem to add things the first week—Steinhauer to meet with Principals to discuss.
- Clearances—getting the cards still seems to cause some confusion.
- Reflections theme is “Let your Imagination Fly”.
- Brain Show—plan to again schedule sometime in November. Teachers have already been asking about the event!
- Outreach has approached us about partnering to promote a documentary called “A Mask you live in”. Screening costs \$750, we would potentially pay half.
- Wellness Policy Update—Dr. Irvin
 - Small committee met over the summer
 - Developed a one-page fact sheet for PTA—can be found on website under Food Services/Wellness/Administration Guidelines
 - Will be reviewed with Elementary Presidents
 - Will also create a Google Doc to share ideas for “non-food” fundraisers
 - Also includes links to Nutrition Calculator

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

- Dr. Steinhauer recognized the following people:
 - Cissy Bowman—Director of Communication, former PTA Council President
 - Katie Devine—New HR Director

- Nicci Giehl—New Hoover Elementary principal
- Dr. Davis—Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education
- Dr. Irvin—Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education
- High School Dedication and Open House scheduled for October 11th.
- Has been a lot of focus on the High School due to renovations but have not lost sight of the fact that the key to Mt. Lebanon has been its 7 elementary schools and 2 middle schools.
- Has been uncomfortably warm the first days of school. Giving kids water breaks.
- Honored Retirees at last School Board meeting.
- Currently conducting a feasibility study to provide “cool-air” (not A/C) to the elementary schools. Will be presented and School Board will decide.
- Governor Wolf is putting a pause on the SPP rating for schools this year due to the outcome of the current PSSAs. Scores have dropped significantly especially in math across the state.
- District is up 40 students this year. Approximately 12% minority population.

Standing Committee Reports

Bylaws—Jodi Kubit

- There are 7 amendments to the Bylaws.
- Howe, Washington & Council are due to revise Bylaws this school year.

Community Liaisons

School Board—Mary Birks

- PSSA scores cannot be compared to last year. It was an entirely different test with a different set of metrics.
- Cool air issue will be addressed
- School Board Elections in November
- PSPA President—Mary Birks put her name forward. Election in October.

Outreach—Mary Birks

- The beginning of a new school year always brings a lot of angst for the students. Parents can set up a Parent Consult to review a child’s behavior etc. Will be able to walk out with a written plan of action.
- Parenting Series again this fall—3 are planned including topics of College Transition, Taming Tempers and Raising a resilient child.
- Brochure available discussing “choice”. A resource about what “bad choices” lead to.
- Outreach Fall Fundraiser-Purse Bash scheduled for Friday November 6th.
- Fee increase—First 2 sessions free, 3-10 sessions \$15 and over 10 will now be \$40.

Library—Laurie Schultz

- Our director Cynthia Ritchie will be retiring in October. Search committee is currently screening new candidates.

- Hired a new Assistant Director—Sharon Bruni—formerly the director of the South Park Library.
- Maker Space open sessions on Thursdays after school for 11 and up.
- Flyers were available for kids and adults events.
- The Library event “A Novel Affair” will also double as Cynthia Ritchie’s retirement party.
- New STEAM program for children ages 4-8.

Unfinished Business

- Audit Report—Julie Toussaint, Lisa Silverman and Bonnie Dougherty.
 - Audit was conducted on September 3, 2015
 - All transactions were well documented.
 - Bank reconciliation report was very helpful.
 - Recommendation to have check copies printed out.
 - Motion was made to accept the Audit Report by Jodi Kubit. Motion seconded. All in favor, none apposed.
- PTA Council Budget & Georgia Pogue budget presented
 - Motion was made to approve the 2015-2016 PTA Council Budget by Julie Smith. Motion seconded. All in favor, none apposed.
 - Motion was made to approve the 2015-2016 Georgia Pogue Budget by Sara Dougherty. Motion seconded. All in favor, none apposed.

New Business

- None

Unit Presidents Announcements

- None

Next meeting October 7, 2015 at Howe Elementary.

Adjournment—The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Submitted by: Chantelle Moore, Secretary

Approved: _____