

**Mt. Lebanon City Council of PTAs Meeting
Wednesday, October 1, 2014, Hoover Elementary School
Minutes**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance—The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. There were 19 people in attendance.

Approval of Minutes—Chantelle Moore

The minutes from the September 3, 2014 meeting were presented and approved as written.

Treasurers Report—Melissa Bailey

Audit Binders from the units need returned as soon as possible.

Membership Dues deadline is October 15th to be eligible for Reflections.

Financial statements were presented.

Correspondence—Chantelle Moore

No correspondence.

Executive Committee Reports

President's Report—Jodi Kubit (for Julie Maselko)

- Thank you to: Hoover Elementary Principal, Kelly Szeszterniak and PTA President Kirsten Bruder for hosting today's meeting;
- Reminder that Audits are due to the State, 990 due in November.
- Meetings were held with Dr. Steinhauer and Pete Bouvey.
- Brain Show is a go for November 5th in the Main Gym. Chantelle will send article for newsletters.

3rd V.P. Report—Dr. Ron Davis (for Dr. Steinhauer)

- Welcome to Kelly Szeszterniak the new principal at Hoover, formerly at Mellon.
- District received a \$5000 grant from Highmark with regard to Health & Safety. The money will be used to promote playground behavior and safety. You will begin seeing signs at the playground soon.
- The new school performance profiles are now out and available online at www.paschoolperformance.org. The goal is to close the achievement gap. Over a 6-year period the gap needs to close by 50%. But there are some issues. For example, if a school has 100% achievement in science, do they then get 0 points for closing the gap. There is a District wide SPP, but it has not been released yet. The upcoming In-Service day will be used to review SPP and student outcomes.
- Leadership Award given to Tina Responti—Social Studies teacher. She is also the chair of the Social Studies department as well as a chair for Global Studies. She will attend a conference this fall at Nemaquin with other industry leaders. The award was given for her work on the Water Design Challenge.
- STEM program will be rolling out this fall. Chair will be Drew Howeberger. They will be working with Carnegie Science Center on the STEM Excellence Pathway program. It is a K-12 program. An informational meeting for parents will be held in October.

- Kudos to Cissy Bowman for organizing the Class Reunions via communications. The Class of 1964 had 159 alumni return for a tour of the High School. She is working on re-establishing the Alumni Association.
- School Security—Partnering with police. They are on the cutting edge of security. They attend all training sessions the school conducts. They introduced ALICE, Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Confront (last option) and Evacuate. Community presentation in November before roll out to students.
- Student ID's—Letters being sent to every student with a new Password for Gmail. All passwords were randomly generated. Email regarding the letter to be sent Oct. 1 or 2.
- Capital Campaign Director will now be Maggie Schmidt; Alyssa is on leave until January. Maggie has a lot of experience and was a Pittsburgh City School Board member.

Standing Committee Reports

Bylaws—Jodi Kubit

- By-Laws Amendment was sent out and must sit for 30 days. Vote will be conducted at November meeting.
- Standing Rules were changed to reflect new school rotation and change to Finance section #6. Vote will be conducted at November meeting.

Membership—Lauren Bloch

- Please mail in your membership dues by October 15th.
- Please note that only one name shall be permitted to be on each Membership Card.
- PA PTA keeps track of the number of cards versus the number of Memberships by each unit.

Community Liaisons

Mt. Lebanon Library—Laurie Schultz

- Provided the most recent Library flyers.
- Debuted Maker Space last month, which includes a 3D printer.
- There will be a Middle School program on October 16th for those interested in the 3D printer.
- Major Author visit on October 16th, Lisa Scottoline. A New York Times best selling author.
- Brainfuse is an on-line tutoring program. It also has a writing component. There are people available from 2-11pm each day to review a student's writing. Also there are practice tests available on-line. Tests such as ACT, SAT, Fire & Police tests as well.

Outreach—Karen Johnston

- Karen Johnston is resigning from Outreach. She will be replaced by Mary Birks.
- Provided flyers regarding upcoming Parenting Lectures.
- Highlighted the Speak Out program for Middle school girls. This program originated at CMU and helps girls with their negotiating skills.

School Board—Mary Birks

- An amazing presentation was given by the Tech Ed Department at the last school board meeting. They were each given a key chain made by the 3D printer. They stated that they have seen a 16% increase in females in the program.

Unfinished Business

None to report.

New Business

None to report.

Unit Presidents Announcements

None to report.

Adjournment—The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Submitted by: Chantelle Moore, Recording Secretary

Approved: _____